

Snow and warmer tonight; Friday snow or rain and warmer; light south to southwest winds, increasing.

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LOWELL MASS. THURSDAY DECEMBER 24 1908

PRICE ONE CENT

LOWELL WOMAN

Leaves Money to Educate Man for Priesthood

By the will of Ellen Kelly of Lowell, the pastor of the church of the Immaculate Conception, Lowell, is given \$1000 to be expended by him in educating some young man for the priesthood of the Catholic church. She also gives him \$200 to be used in the aid of a society for the propagation of the faith and \$500 for masses.

The mission of the Immaculate Virgin for the protection of homeless and destitute children in New York is given \$200. Joseph Kelly of Dorchester, a nephew, \$200; a niece, Mary Waters, a like amount.

All the rest of the estate is given to the pastor above mentioned for the purpose of additional masses for the repose of the soul of testatrix. Rev. John P. Reynolds, O. M. I. of Lowell is made sole executor.

JAIL SENTENCE

Proprietor of St. Charles Hotel Was Fined Also

Hugh F. Mellen and Michael J. McGovern, licensees of the St. Charles hotel in Middlesex street, were found guilty of illegally keeping liquor by Judge Hadley in police court this morning and Mr. Mellen was fined \$100 and sentenced to three months in jail, while Mr. McGovern was fined \$75. Both appeared.

Lawyer Guy O. Ham of Boston appeared for the government and J. Joseph O'Connor, Esq., for the defendants.

Lori H. Russell, of Stoneham, was the first witness called. Witness, with the assistance of a note book, testified as follows:

"On July 14 I visited the St. Charles hotel. I was accompanied by Mr. Hood and we reached the hotel about 11:50 a. m. Mr. Hood ordered two bottles of lager beer and paid 20 cents. There was no order given for food."

"On July 12, a Sunday, accompanied by Mr. Hood, I called at the St. Charles hotel. Mr. Hood ordered a glass of whiskey and paid for it. I had nothing. Mr. Hood ordered no food."

"On Sept. 27, Sunday, I arrived at the hotel about 3:40 p. m. Had a glass of beer and sandwiches were served. On cross examination, Lawyer J. Joseph O'Connor asked, 'What is your business?'"

"I am in the employ of the Anti-Saloon league and have been for a little over a year. Prior to that I was dealing in surgical instruments."

"Was this evidence secured for the Anti-Saloon league?"

"No. The Lowell Law and Order league."

"How long have you been in the employ of the Law and Order league?"

"Several different times, beginning the fourth of July."

"Was July 14 the first work you did for the Law and Order league?"

"I think it was."

"It took witness so long to answer questions, owing to the fact that he would not give an answer until he had perused his notes, Mr. O'Connor asked: 'Have you any memory at all about these matters?'"

"I have no recollection. Only my notes."

"Witness said that on July 12th he and Mr. Hood were served with liquor without previously asking for food. He said that after the drinks had been served, two plates, each having two slices of bread thereon, were placed before them."

"Did you go to the St. Charles hotel at 220 E. in July 1907?"

"What happened on the 27th of September?"

"Accompanied by Mr. Dickerman, I entered the hotel, asked for a sandwich, and the clerk, after getting the order, asked 'what else?'"

"How many glasses of beer did you have on the 27th of September prior to entering the St. Charles hotel?"

"I visited two other places."

"How much beer did you drink in these two other places?"

"A glass of beer and a bottle of beer."

"Does a drink of beer affect your memory any?"

"I don't think so."

"How much whiskey did you drink on this particular day?"

"None at all."

"Did you ever telephone from Boston to people in Lowell that you had evidence regarding the illegal sales of liquor and that it might be to their benefit to meet you any place?"

"No sir."

"Do you know any of your party that did?"

"No sir."

At this point Mr. Ham stated that one of his witnesses, John J. Russell, is a travelling salesman, and was unable to be present. He also produced a doctor's certificate showing that Mr. Dickerman, another witness, was unable to be present owing to illness.

Leland T. Johnson

Leland T. Johnson, 21 years of age, residing in Worcester and in the employ of a detective agency in Boston, testified to coming to Lowell on Labor Day. He visited the St. Charles hotel on that day and secured drinks without asking for food. He was accompanied by John Russell, Mr. Dickerman and another man named Johnson.

"What is your business?" asked Mr. O'Connor.

"Investigator,"

"What do you investigate?"

"Criminals and criminal cases."

John J. Russell, Jr., clerk of the police board, was called to testify as to the licensees of the hotel, but counsel for the defense admitted that Hugh F. Mellen and Michael J. McGovern, the defendants, are the licensees, and Mr. Russell's testimony was dispensed with.

Sergeant Thomas R. Atkinson, of the local liquor squad, testified to visiting the St. Charles hotel on two different occasions on July 14th. Men were seated around the table eating and drinking. At night between 9:30 and 10 o'clock, he said, there were 32 men present, six of whom were eating.

Witness testified to visiting the hotel on Sunday the 12th of July and seeing 22 men seated around tables. They were drinking or had drink in front of them and but 23 of that number were eating. One man entered the hotel, but he was intoxicated and was ordered out.

Lawyer Ham questioned Sgt. Atkinson relative to people drinking on the premises after eleven o'clock and witness cited a case where he and a brother officer had visited the hotel several months ago and as a result of what they saw the licensees were brought into court. Counsel for the defense, however, had witness admit that the defendants at that time were found not guilty and discharged.

The government rested its case at this point.

A defense was put on other than to testify relative to whether or not the defendants had ever been convicted. Mr. Mellen admitted that during the no-license year, about ten years ago, he paid a fine and that there is an appealed case now awaiting trial in the superior court. Mr. McGovern said he had never been convicted.

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Nolan Case

Adelard and Rose Nolan, charged with illegal keeping of liquor in Dracut, through their counsel pleaded not guilty. Counsel, however, admitted that there was evidence enough in the case of Mr. Nolan to make a prima facie case in the local court and no defense was offered. The court found Nolan guilty and imposed a fine of \$50. He appealed and was held under \$300 bonds for his appearance before the superior court. Mrs. Nolan was found not guilty and discharged.

Merrimack House Case

The case of Eugene H. and Cordelia Vien, licensees of the Merrimack house, charged with keeping and exposing for sale intoxicating liquors, was continued till Dec. 29 on request of counsel for the defense. Lawyer Guy O. Ham, who appeared for the government, was agreeable to the postponement, owing to the fact that one of the government's witnesses, Dickerman was ill and unable to be present.

Ice skating, Washington park, 10c.

THE GOLD WAVE

Descended Upon Lowell During the Night

The old-fashioned Christmas weather landed on Lowell during the still hours of the night and everyone in town found it cold upon arising this morning.

Usually the coldest spot within the city limits is at the Boulevard pumping station, and at this point the thermometer showed 2 degrees below zero during the night and as late as 6 o'clock this morning when it began to rise.

But at Pawtucket square the thermometer dropped from 2 below to 8 below between the hours of 1 and 3 this morning, and that was the coldest thus far heard from. At noon the mercury was still under 20, making conditions fine for the opening of Al Winn's ice rink at Washington park. Last year there was skating every place, and Winn couldn't complete successfully with the ice ponds and fields, but this year every other skating place is covered with snow and Winn rejoices much thereat.

There were numerous cases of frozen water pipes throughout the city, and the consumption of water jumped up materially. The temperature, while really colder than yesterday, was not so penetrating by reason of the fact that the air was dry whereas on the day previous it was damp.

THE STATE FARM

For Man Who Violated Parole Conditions

John Galvin, a parole man from the state farm, was in police court today and will be returned to that institution in time to partake of the Christmas dinner which is provided by the state.

William Wallace, a second offender, was fined \$6, there was one first offender who was fined \$2 and a simple drunk was released without appearing in court.

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THE WINNER OF THE TALBOT FLYER

Writes a letter of acknowledgment in which he issues a general invitation to the boys to "beat the merits of the Double-Runner." If he carries out his intention he is destined to become the most popular boy in town. We print herewith his letter:

Dec. 23, 1908.

The Talbot Clothing Co., Lowell, Mass., Dear Sirs: It was a great surprise to me this morning to read in the paper that I was the winner of the double-runner. Of course I am glad for I live on "Pentucket Hill," the safest in the city for coasting. I would be very glad to have the boys who, I guess, come over and help me test the merits of the Talbot Flyer. I thank you very much for your generosity. The Daylight Store is the best ever. Wishing you a merry Christmas and a prosperous New Year, I remain,

Yours truly,

WILLIAM REID DEPIN.

Three cheers for Talbot, "rah! rah! rah!"

AN EMBASSY

PEKING, Dec. 24.—The foreign board has received a cablegram from Tang Shao Yi at Washington, saying that the Washington government has responded favorably to the proposal made by China to raise the Chinese legation at Washington to the rank of an embassy.

It is believed here that the reform of the foreign board of the empire and the existing court practices, together with the adoption of a reformed code, the inauguration of courts of law, the establishment of an improved financial system and the abolishment of the existing system of extrajudicially will tend to influence the powers toward accepting proposals to raise the rank of China's diplomatic representatives.

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Electric Griddle Cakes

Perfect temperature conditions make the

Electric Griddle

a success. Can be used for cooking any food prepared on hot, flat surface.

Just Right and Just Hot

Lowell Electric Light Corp.

50 Central Street

AGAINST MINER LOT

North Chelmsford Voters Want Special Town Meeting

North Chelmsford voters want a special town meeting to be called to rescind the action taken at the former meeting relative to the fire house site for village.

Despite the fact that the weather was intensely cold and that it was practically Christmas eve, between 50 and 60 voters turned out last evening to the meeting of the fire district of North Chelmsford called by Chief Fred Vinal for the purpose of seeing whether or not the fire district would ask the selectmen to call a special meeting to rescind the action of a previous meeting at which it was voted to serve the Miner lot, so-called, for a site for a fire house. The fire commissioners had declined to call this meeting despite a strong sentiment favoring it, and hence Mr. Vinal called it on his own responsibility and the attendance warranted his act.

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GREETED PASTOR

Entertainment at the Immaculate Conception School

The children of the Immaculate Conception school, in the school hall, gave a most cordial greeting to the pastor, Rev. Fr. McElroy, yesterday afternoon, the occasion being the feast of his patronal saint.

The time being opportune, the pupils not only offered the Rev. Father feast day greetings accompanied by presentation of gifts and flowers, but also presented a program which seemed to please the reverent pastor, and also the several other fathers of the immaculate Conception church, as well as the large number of parents, who most raptly enjoyed the performance of their little ones on the stage.

The hall was prettily decorated for the occasion, and the taste on the stage was most decidedly the most beautiful decoration.

The program was as follows:
 Welcome song, "The Holy Child"
 Address and Presentation, Mary Dwyer
 "A Christmas Revolution," Willie Keefe
 Dialogue, "The Christ Child"
 Helen Cassidy, Helen Duggan,
 Louise Quinn, Mary Kelly, Julia Higgins
 Song, "Santa, What Have You For Me?"
 Recitation, "The Holy Child"
 Song, "Santa Comes to Know"
 Song, "Blessed Be the Virgin Mary"
 Reading, "Blessed Be the Virgin Mary"
 Song, "The Angels' Chorus"
 Christmas Cantata, "Who is Santa?"
 Minnie Santa Claus, Charles Farrell
 Accompanist, Miss Helen Bailey.

WON TWO POINTS

Y. M. C. U. Put up Total of 1337

The Y. M. C. U. of St. Michael's church, defeated the St. Peter's bowling team in a game in the Catholic league last night, the former team winning two of the three points. Moran of the winning team was king pin with a total of 225.

Two games were played in the Manchester Unity league. In the first game Integrity lodge was defeated by Wamsath lodge, while in the second game Excelsior lodge defeated Asa Pollard lodge.

CATHOLIC LEAGUE

St. Michael's	St. Peter's
Lang 81	2
McKenzie 84	83
Moran 101	100
Harrington 86	77
Callahan 96	89
Totals 415	351

MANCHESTER UNITY LEAGUE

Integrity	Wamsath
Dickinson 92	85
Chase 80	73
Hudson 82	85
Heil 81	81
Helliford 84	95
Totals 420	422

Excelsior

Kirkland 90	85
Houston 97	82
Davis 82	86
Munn 87	70
Saunders 89	82
Totals 455	394

Asa Pollard

Butler 88	85
Rayson 78	86
Bohannon 82	86
Radeloff 82	97
Whitehead 82	95
Totals 411	449

Excelsior

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In beautiful colors on cardboard. Pictures from Lincoln's life. Sayings from Lincoln's lips. A handsome memento of Lincoln's centennial year which ought to be in every home.

Tell your newsdealer NOW that you must have next Sunday's Boston Globe and this

Free Souvenir of Lincoln

THE C. Y. M. L.

DEFEATED A TEAM REPRESENTING COMPANY L

The C. Y. M. L. basketball team defeated the team representing Company L at the company last night by a score of 18 to 15 in an exciting and well-contested game. Between the periods Co. L defeated the Emeralds by a score of 6 to 4.

At the conclusion of the game there was dancing to music furnished by Hubbard's orchestra, the whole affair being under the auspices of the Co. C basketball team.

CO. C

Brook, Jr.	C. Y. M. L.
Mason, Jr.	2d, Mortuary
Silcox, Jr.	2d, Malabar
G. Davidson, Jr.	C. Connors
A. Davidson, Jr.	2d, Pauretti

Score—C. Y. M. L., 18; 2d, C, 15.

Goals by—Connors 2, Mortuary 2, 15.

Faults 2, Brook, Mason, G. Davidson.

Fouls by C. Y. M. L., 21; Co. C, 14.

Reference—Henry Tighe.

CO. C

GENERAL

CO. G

M. Gookin, Jr	1
Maloney, Jr	1
Loupret, C	1
McNulty, Jr	1
Crowell, Jr	1

Score—C. G. 5; Emeralds, 4. Goals by M. Gookin, Farrell. Fouls by Emeralds 6, C. G. 2. Referee—O'Laughlin.

EMERALDS

Ph. Manning	1
Th. Madden	1
C. Doherty	1
W. Farrell	1
W. Dowd	1

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One objector declared the abolition of this clause would make it possible for anyone to assemble a car especially for the race which would not be a stock machine in any sense of the word, even though it might conform to every provision regarding body and stroke, weight and wheel base length.

He said that Walter W. Law had offered the Briarcliff trophy as a prize for an annually stock chassis race and it did not seem to be fair to attempt to have the conditions changed for the second race for the trophy. He declared there were enough stock cars, both American and imported, that conform to the rules without changing the wording of the deed of gift as the committee proposed at its meeting on Monday. The report that the makers of five of the cars that competed in the first Briarcliff race last April would be barred from next year's race by the new rules seems to be somewhat exaggerated, as at least two of the five firms, Edward Stearns and Lozier, are reported to be planning cars for next year that would be eligible.

There were conflicting reports yesterday as to the attitude of Henry H. Law, son of the trophy donor, but one of the younger Mr. Law had expressed himself upon the matter as follows:

"We look upon a stock car from the standpoint of laymen. Stock cars, in our minds, are what you can buy from the floor of a salesroom. Although the deed of gift provides that ten cars shall have been made, a concession to guarantee that such a number of cars would be built might be accepted by the donor of the trophy."

Several bills were recently introduced in congress for the construction of a memorial highway through the White House, in Washington, to the battle field of Gettysburg, as a national shrine of the late Abraham Lincoln. It is proposed that this highway be not less than 150 feet wide, and in its construction the sum of \$25,000,000 to be utilized. The plan was introduced by the chairman and ranking legislative member of the senate and house library committee, and the present congress, the secretary of state and the secretary of war.

Several machines for selling goods are put up as popular as they were with the garage proprietors in Chicago Falls, Wis., because the machines have been yielding fruit in response to the sales as well as for good money. Quite a scandal and sensation has been brought about by the discovery that a well known business man has kept his car supplied all summer by feeding the slot with worthless stock.

BOXING GOSSIP

The demands of Kid Sullivan of Washington caused Manager Jim Conley of the Unity Cycle club of Lawrence to scratch him from the list of eligible fighters.

Kid Goodman, as popular and as game as ever, is open to meet anybody living and will not enter into a few ounces of weight either.

Tommy Murphy in his ring career has earned enough to purchase a splendid home for himself at Flatbush, N. Y. He still is known as the "Freak of Flatbush" however.

Tommy Ryan opposes that Billy Burke tossed away the middle weight title by not insisting on 154 pounds when he met Ketchell.

Maybe the coast sports won't know now of Sam Langford. Ketchell says, of course, he had the advantage of a few for white boxers to the coast sports.

Kid Ryan of Esperanto fame, is about to open a boxing school in Cleveland.

Letters just received in this country from Tommy Burns contain the statement that he has posted \$10,000 to Sydney to be waged on himself, and that he will defeat Jack Johnson and \$5000 that the big negro will not score a knockdown inside of 12 rounds.

Harry Mansfield of England will pick up with Jack Blackburn at Philadelphia Dec. 29.

George Alger and Young Linebeck of the Echell will be the attraction at Hill Hurdley.

Tommy Burns is the first heavy-weight champion to permit a colored man to fight for the title. When John Fitzsimmons and James J. Jeffries were champions in turn all of their fights have followed their example but it had not been for the fact that he was forced by public opinion to make the match with Jack Johnson, which was decided at Sydney, N. S. W.

John Johnson, the champion, himself said he would not bar negroes, but Johnson immediately repented of his trail. Many sporting men clamored for such a bill, but Burns steadfastly refused and took on Bill Squires of London in his place.

Johnson followed Burns to London and again challenged him. In this move the big public, and Burns finally declared that he would make a match providing he could get a \$20,000 guarantee. As this money was not forthcoming Burns soon left for Australia.

Johnson determined to force Burns into a fight and was successful, although the colored pugilist had to agree to the most unfair terms, \$20,000 for Burns and \$5,000 for Johnson. Those who are inclined to believe that the fight will not be on the level say that Johnson's belief on the fact that Johnson did not leave England for Sydney until he had sent word to him to come. Both Johnson and Burns have sent private letters to friends in this country saying that they cannot lose. Sam Fitzpatrick, Johnson's manager, cabled a New York man yesterday that there was nothing in the story that the fight was a fake and that the colored man would "win sure."

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FIRE IN MEDFORD

Caused a Loss of About \$2000

MEDFORD, Dec. 24.—The business centre of West Medford was threatened about 4 o'clock yesterday afternoon by a fire in the old Usher block on the square.

A gas jet in the show window of the dry goods store of Mrs. W. P. Treet, who occupies the ground floor, ignited Christmas goods and a lively blaze followed. In a few moments the whole front of the building was in flames. A high wind was blowing.

Captain Walker of combination A pulled in a second alarm from box 17, and nearly all the apparatus of the city was called.

Mrs. W. P. Treet, the principal sufferer, was in the back of the store when the flames caught. She got out safely by the back door and was taken to her home in a carriage. The gas jet had just been lighted by a woman who was assisting Mrs. Treet today.

The firemen under the direction of Chief Chas. E. Bacon, put the flames out after an hour's hard work, but the centre of the block was badly gutted and the rooms of the Vernon club in the upper story were drenched with water and badly damaged by smoke, as was also the stock in the southerly end of the store of N. E. Wilber, a newsdealer.

The loss on the building is estimated at \$1000, the loss on the store of Mrs. Treet and the stock at \$200. Vernon club \$200. N. E. Wilber \$50, all of which are fully covered by insurance.

Ice skating, Washington park, 10c.

THOMAS F. RYAN

Has Retired From Trust Cares

NEW YORK, Dec. 24.—Thomas F. Ryan, admittedly one of the greatest powers in the financial world, announced yesterday that in yielding to the advice of his physicians he has resigned from the directorate of 31 different corporations.

The only enterprises in the management of which the noted financier retains a hand are the Motion Trust company, the National Bank of Commerce and the American Tobacco company.

Mr. Ryan's action in withdrawing from the directorate of the many industrial and transportation companies in which he has been long a power, is a factor taken in pursuance of a policy of retirement first adopted two years ago.

At that time he was told by his physicians that the multiplicity of cares developing upon him from his active management of so many financial organizations, some of which, such as the Equitable Life Assurance society and the Interborough Metropolitan Street railway system of New York, were more than sufficient in themselves to tax the endurance of any one individual, was rapidly undermining his health.

After a busy career of 40 years, most of which had been spent in mapping out and carrying to successful issues consolidations of street railway and lighting interests of gigantic magnitude, Mr. Ryan feels that he can no longer burden himself of his many business responsibilities.

DR. OSGOOD OBSERVED HIS 70TH BIRTHDAY YESTERDAY

Dr. George C. Osgood observed his 70th birthday yesterday surrounded by his immediate relatives, including five grand children. A fine dinner was served. Rev. Mr. Willard and wife of the First Congregational church were among those who tendered congratulations. Dr. Osgood received many beautiful flowers in honor of the day.

Joe Ohi, the left-handed pitcher of the Philadelphia Nationals, is said to have a record of striking out 112 men in 14 games.

Breitenstein, the veteran "southpaw" now with New Orleans, led the Southern league pitchers, winning 17 games, losing six and playing one tie.

Fleider Jones' farewell to baseball has the appearance of being genuine. He says he is ready to settle in Portland, Ore., for good. His mother's illness is said to be one strong reason for his decision to quit baseball.

Manager Frank Bowdman of the Boston Nationals was in Cincinnati last week and Jack Ryder says he tried to trade Bill Dahlen for Mike Mower, but without success.

Jim McAllister has gained such a reputation among the St. Louis baseball set as a wizard at trading players that he is now credited with making for securing Pitcher Frank Smith of Chicago, Matt McIntyre and our own Tris Speaker.

George Wright has promised Ben Shibe that he will attend the opening game at the new Philadelphia American grounds.

Pat Flaherty of the Boston Nationals and Danzig who will play with the Boston Americans next season, are members of the American team now playing in Japan. The games have been drawn well, but the returns have not been big, because the admission is 15 cents and the maximum price 25 cents. The game is spreading over the entire empire and the Japanese like the action that is in baseball as compared to other games. The Japanese players are long in fielding, but are weak in batting.

The Boston Americans drafted James E. Columbus catcher, and then turned him back again. This fellow should have been drafted by some team really in need of a catcher, as he is little short of star caliber, according to W. A. Fletcher, the Chicago authority.

The star players of the Philadelphia Nationals league club have received W. J. Shogline, president, Ray Davies, secretary, E. Hyeman, treasurer and Shogline, Reeves, Hyman, J. Porter and G. H. B. Martin, a board of directors. The selection of William Murray as manager of the team for 1909 was ratified.

FINES OF \$100

IMPOSED BY JUDGE FULLER IN LIQUOR CASES

HAVERHILL, Dec. 24.—Judge Fuller yesterday heard the evidence in 15 liquor cases. A week ago he announced that he would not accept any fine recommendations, as he would not be satisfied as to their truthfulness, and that he would himself conduct the January term of the court.

The court room was thronged yesterday, as there was general interest in the liquor case. The judge expressed his belief in the better to defendants, but the decisions of the various cases were not made until 11 o'clock.

The fine of \$100 each was imposed by Judge Fuller during the day.

ONE MAN KILLED

Two Other Drivers Seriously Injured

BOSTON, Dec. 24.—The advent of Christmas has brought sorrow to the homes of three Boston team drivers, who topped off their wagons in the business rush of the afternoon hours. One of the men was killed instantly, and the other two received severe injuries.

Phineas E. Towse, 53, of 11 Mead street, was killed in City square, Charlestown, at 5:25 o'clock last evening. He was driving a team owned by the Boston Transfer company of 1 North Market street, and was crossing the square when the horse took fright and killed.

When the great throng of holiday shoppers, laden with bundles, witnessed the accident, some of them dropped what their hands contained in the hope that they might give aid. They bore the form into a neighboring store and a physician was called, who expressed the opinion that death had been instantaneous.

Additional fear was lent to the absence of the Sticklestad when the steamer Falso, also from Glasgow, arrived here several days ago after a rough passage of 23 days from the South port. It was believed up to that time that either one of the steamers might have met with a mishap and was being conveyed into port by the other, but Captain Hansen of the Falso stated that he had not received any tidings of the Sticklestad since that vessel left Glasgow, four days in advance of him. The missing steamer carried 100 tons of coal less than the Falso, and as the latter steamer had but three tons left when she arrived here, it is certain that should the Sticklestad have survived the gales, captain and crew are now in serious straits to provide fuel for the navigation of their vessel.

PROBABLY LOST

All Hope Given up for Steamer

SYDNEY, N. S. Dec. 24.—With the passing today of an even month since the Norwegian steamer Sticklestad left Glasgow, Scotland, for this port, the mariners interested in the vessel gave up nearly all hope of ever again seeing her steam under her own power. It is generally believed that the steamer perished with all aboard during the terrific gales of early December, although she may have gone down earlier as departure was made from Glasgow on Nov. 24. Ordinarily the passage across occupies about a week.

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WEEKS FAMILY

LIVED IN HENCOOP FOR SEVERAL YEARS

WESTFIELD, Dec. 24.—Judge W. S. Kellogg has placed a vote on the proposed marriage of Alexander Stokes of Southwick and Miss Clara Belle Weeks, who is a member of the family living for several years in a home on the Southampton road. The Weeks family was forced to move out of the Hancoop last week.

Stokes, who is about 45 years old, is divorced from one wife and has four children, who are state charges.

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First of American Warships to
Reach Venezuela

WILLEMSTAD, Dec. 24.—The United States gunboat Dolphin (number 1) has arrived here at 5 o'clock this morning.

The Dolphin is the first of several American warships now on their way to Venezuela to reach her coast. The other vessels are the cruiser Des Moines, the cruiser North Carolina and the battleship Maine. The Dolphin will proceed to La Guaira and the North Carolina will stay at Caracas. As both sides are equipped with wireless telegraphy, each can communicate with the other.

There is a cable from Willemstad, but no telegraphic communication between Willemstad and Venezuela. The North Carolina has on board W. L. Ba-

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To Hold Fire Service on Christmas Day

CHICAGO, Dec. 24.—While the temple Mazdaean, at 2016 Lake park avenue, is being decorated with lolly and greens and all the paraphernalia of the Christmas season, the disciples of Dittman Zar Adush Hanish, the sun worshiper, are gathering in Chicago from all parts of the country to participate in the seventh semiannual Gabaaba peace conference which will begin today and continue until Jan. 2.

Among those who are expected to be present are Maria E. R. Hillon of Lowell, Mass., Dr. Flora T. Kinsley of Denver, Otto Schmidt of New York, I. Adelia Marsh, Mallet of Montreal, Minna Asha Phillips Beach of New York, Dr. Hafeland of Leipzig, Ger. Maria Singletary of Denver and Brownie Mathison Weaverson of New York.

A "Midpah" will be given by Mr. Schmidt this evening and this will be followed by a "Salam" by W. K. Sandberg of Chicago. On Christmas day there will be a sunrise service and in the afternoon a congress of mothers and daughters. In the evening there will be a "fire service" and requiem for departed members and, later, in the banquet hall, a "relaxation service."

Among the subjects that will be discussed during the session will be "The stages of Karma," "The wheel of chance," "Diet and care," "Transmigration of souls," "Health through breath and diet," "Science of the hand," "Economics learned through trade depression," and "Man's mission on earth."

On New Year's day Hanish will cast horoscopes and reveal the future.

"The press will not be admitted to the convention," said a pale and important looking man, who was superintending the decorations. "Newspapers are not in sympathy with us. Their presence detracts from the rapport that is essential to our form of worship."

"The last time we had them here we took them all through the temple and gave them all our books—hundreds of dollars' worth of our most important books. And they went right off to their papers and wrote it all up. Nothing was sacred to them, they told everything. After that—well, you see how it is—we haven't had them around."

THE "GRAFT" CASES

More Pittsburg Councilmen May be Arrested

PITTSBURG, Dec. 24.—Talk of more arrests in the councilmanic "graft" case continues today and rumors are current that a second raid will soon be made against councilmen and business men who are charged with corrupting the councils. The Voters' league is said to have prepared twenty-two warrants for the arrest of these persons.

Already defendants are on foot to give the nine defendants a court trial as soon as possible. It is believed that District Attorney Blakely who has taken charge of the matter now will present the case to the grand jury early next month. By the later part of February it is expected the court trials will be under way. It is probable there will not be a councilmanic investigation of the scandal, that councils at body should do nothing in the matter pending action by the courts. According to statement by a member of a prominent club and a number of wealthy Pittsburgers have hurried to front in making the cleanup complete. It is said that the scandal will have a potent effect on the coming city election next February. Every faction of politics is stirred to the utmost and a flood of denials are being made by prospective candidates that they were implicated directly by the corruption.

GETS JAIL TERM HOUSE BURNED

Worcester Man Also Ordered to Pay Fine

WORCESTER, Dec. 24.—William L. Smith, a produce dealer at the corner of Commercial and Mechanic streets, was charged in the district court yesterday with illegal keeping and sentenced to pay a fine of \$200 and serve two months in the house of correction. He appeared and was held in \$500. Officers of the House squad testified that they saw him yesterday pour whiskey from a two-gallon jug in his store into a pint flask for a customer.

One Dec. 11 he was fined \$100 and sentenced to jail for 30 days, on June 12, 1907, fined \$50 and on July 1, 1902, fined \$50, all on charges of illegal liquor keeping.

Anton Karpowich of 155 Milbury street and John Carter of 23 Laurel street were each fined \$50 on charges of illegal liquor keeping and appealed.

FRANKLIN, N. H., Dec. 24.—Driven from their home early today by fire, Hugh Frazier and his wife, carrying their infant child were forced to walk barefooted and in their night clothing through snow and with the temperature at six below.

Both Frazier and his wife suffered greatly from the intense cold, both of the woman's feet being badly frozen. The child, however, suffered no ill effects from its experience.

The fire started in a shed at one end of the Frazier farmhouse and is believed to have been set by tramps inasmuch as there had been no fire in that part of the building. The house was burned to the ground with all its contents, causing an estimated loss of about \$3000 on which there was no insurance.

\$10,000,000 GIFT
Announced for Ireland's Old Folk

DUBLIN, Dec. 24.—The latest figures of the old-age pension scheme in Ireland show that up to the present 216,000 claims have been made. Of these \$9 per cent. have been approved by the commissioners, as against 31 per cent. in England, 53 per cent. in Scotland and 56 per cent. in Wales. Thus the Irish claims have maintained about the same proportion as the others.

It is true that there is a greater proportion of claimants in Ireland than in other countries, but this is due to the emigration of so many of the younger generation in the last seventy years. In the population as it was before, the proportion would not appear greater than across the Irish sea.

It is estimated after careful calculation that the total amount of money going to Ireland under the old-age pension law will closely approximate \$10,000,000 yearly. This will be an enormous New Year's gift, especially in view of the fact that the sugar tax already made a substantial contribution toward the relief of Irish distress.

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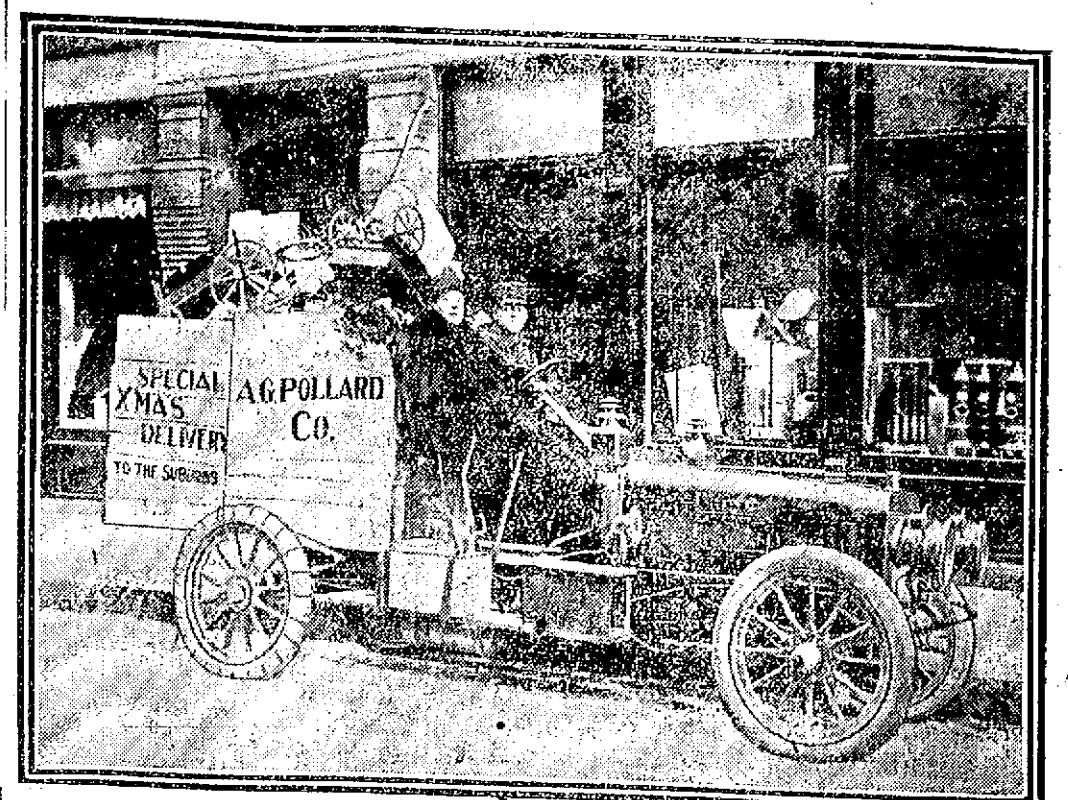
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NOTICE

A special meeting of Division 11, A. O. U. W. will be held tonight at 7:30 in Hibernian hall to take action on the death of our late brother James Burns. Per order

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A. G. POLLARD CO.'S SPECIAL XMAS DELIVERY covered some 47 miles yesterday, delivering over 300 bundles to Christmas gift purchasers from the suburbs. Besides the auto, "Lowell's biggest and best Christmas store and the busiest" has worked its full delivery service, consisting of six big wagons, to its utmost during the past week.

CHASE TO PLAY

Will be With the N. Y. Americans

NEW YORK, Dec. 24.—Hal Chase, the phenomenal first baseman who "jumped" the New York American



team for the California state league last summer, probably will play with the New Yorks again next season. He has asked to be reinstated by the American league, and there is every likelihood that this will be done.

SOCIAL AND FRATERNAL

The regular meeting of Court Merrimack, Foresters of America, was held last night in Grafton hall. Chief Ranger Frank J. McCormack presiding. Four applications for membership were received and considerable routine business was transacted during the evening.

The principal business of the evening, however, was the election of officers, which resulted as follows: Chief ranger, James J. Spillane; sub chief ranger, Thomas P. Kelley; treasurer, Dennis O'Brien; financial secretary, John J. McPadden; recording secretary, John W. Shanley; S. W. Owen O'Neill; J. W. Ed Shanahan; S. R. Wm. H. Casey; J. B. Daniel P. Sney; physician, Dr. Thos. D. Smith.

The court voted to hold a class initiation and appointed a committee of 15 to take charge of the same.

Daughters of St. George

Princess Lodge, I. O. O. F. of St. George met in regular session last night. Jeannette Collins presiding. There was one proposition for membership and four candidates were initiated. The election of officers resulted in the choice of the following:

President, Mrs. Lillie Hurd; vice president, Miss Alice Wood; recording secretary, Mrs. Ann Hatch; financial secretary, Miss S. Lillian Hoyle; treasurer, Miss Martha Shannon; chaplain, Miss Jennie Cutler; first conductor, Mrs. Gertrude May; assistant conductor, Mrs. Harriet Ingham; inside guard, Mrs. Rachel Holgate; outside guard, Mrs. May Lucas; trustee for 15

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months, Mrs. Mary Orrell, lodge physician for one year, Dr. Holbrook.

Club Passe Temps

Hercule A. Toupin, a prominent French-American resident of this city, was elected president of Club Passe-Temps at a meeting of that organization held last night. The other officers elected were: Philippe Vincent, vice president; Joseph Lafeyvre, treasurer; C. A. Loupret, financial secretary; Norbert Savignac, Alphonse Noe, Geo. Maitoux, re-elected; recording secretary, Charles E. Branchaud; senior woodward, Ed. Pinard; junior woodward, William Demers; senior beadle, Oscar Champagne; junior beadle, Alfred Dubois; trustees, Edmond Charbon, Jean Lambert, Joseph Maudin, Jr.; Lucien Boissert, lecturer.

Court Garin, F. of A.

The regular meeting of Court Garin, Foresters of America, was held last night. The principal business being the election of officers for the ensuing term. On Jan. 4th a public installation will take place, followed by the court's annual complimentary ball.

The following were the officers elected:

Chief ranger, Arthur St. Hilaire; sub chief ranger, Joseph E. Plouffe; past chief ranger, James S. Hilaire; treasurer, Amrie Thibault; treasurer re-elected, financial secretary, Joseph A. Maitoux, re-elected; recording secretary, Charles E. Branchaud; senior woodward, Ed. Pinard; junior woodward, William Demers; senior beadle, Oscar Champagne; junior beadle, Alfred Dubois; trustees, Edmond Charbon, Jean Lambert, Joseph Maudin, Jr.; Lucien Boissert, lecturer.

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SHOOTING OF JONES THE PRESIDENT

Young Krantz Said to Have Confessed to It

WORCESTER, Dec. 24.—The mystery of the death by shooting of Francis E. Jones, the 16-year-old boy, on the ice of Half Moon pond at Shrewsbury, Monday, is believed to have been cleared by the alleged confession last night of Ralph William Krantz, a 14-year-old boy, living at 31 Carroll street, Worcester. According to the story said to have been told to Officers Arthur F. Roach and Robert E. Mott, Krantz picked a quarrel with Jones and shot the elder lad through the head with a shot gun. Krantz, upon the completion of his alleged confession, which was said to have been made to the officers while the lad was in bed at his home, was arrested and locked up on a charge of murder.

The arrest of Young Krantz was brought about through his telling another boy that he had picked up a revolver near "the lake," referring to Lake Quinsigamond. As Jones' revolver was missing, this may have led the story to the state police, with the result that Officers Roach and Mott went to Krantz's home last night. Krantz was in bed, but the officers gained admittance to his room, woke up the lad and sat down by his bedside and asked him about the revolver and the shooting of Jones. At first, it is said, Krantz asserted that he had found the revolver and denied all knowledge of the shooting. He said that he had spent Monday at Mud pond, four and a half miles from where the crime was committed.

From facts that the officers had discovered in tracing footprints leading from Half Moon pond where Jones' body was found yesterday, the officers, it is said, told Krantz what clothes he had worn, and reminded him that he had stopped at a farmhouse in the vicinity of the pond where he had asked for some paper and string to do up a string of four fish that he carried. When they mentioned the hunting boots worn by Krantz that day, he showed the officers the ones he wore. They were three or four sizes too large for him. He said that they belonged to his brother but that he had worn them on his excursion, Monday.

EVERDING GUILTY

Inventor Heany Found Not Guilty

WASHINGTON, Dec. 24.—John A. Heany, an inventor of York, Pa., was acquitted, and Henry E. Everding, an attorney of Philadelphia, Pa., was convicted by a verdict of a jury last night after a trial upon charges of conspiracy, forgery and destroying public records growing out of the patent office scandal which revealed the fraudulent handling of patents and specifications on an electric light invention. Heany was adjudged not guilty because the jurors did not believe from the evidence that he had had knowledge of a conspiracy. The jury recommended Everding to the mercy of the court. His attorneys gave notice that they would file a motion in arrest of judgment and for a new trial. The indictment upon which he was convicted comprised six charges of forgery, two of destroying public records and two of conspiracy and a maximum sentence of seventy years may be imposed under the law.

Heany and Everding were jointly indicted with Ned W. Barton, former assistant examiner in the patent office, who is now serving a term of three years as a result of his confession of guilt to the charges.

PRINCETON WON
NEW YORK, Dec. 24.—Princeton defeated Williams at hockey here last night by the score of 5 to 2, at the St. Nicholas rink.

If you want help at home or in your business, try The Sun "Want" column.

Sends Message to Boys of America

WASHINGTON, Dec. 24.—President Roosevelt's message to the boys of America, in response to the request of 1500 Y. M. C. A. boys who made the run from New York to Washington, begun Nov. 21 and ended Nov. 23, was made public yesterday. It is addressed to Gordon Leach of this city, the last runner, who placed the tube containing the letter in the president's hand, and who received from the president a photograph of himself suitably inscribed.

The president's message follows: "At the moment when the past of your runners handed me your message, the French ambassador was with me and spoke to me of a medal struck in Paris almost two centuries ago, when that city was visited by Peter, the Great, the first Russian sovereign to try to bring his country into touch with the civilized world. The ambassador suggested its application to the boys who bore in our message 'Vires Acquirunt Eundo' (by going they gained strength).

"I think it applies equally to boys in their after life. They have gained strength as they ran. In like manner during their life they will gain strength as they do their work. I am a thorough believer in athletics as long as we remember that athletic exercises are a means to an end and not an end in themselves. We cannot afford to do without hardy and vigorous bodies, but when we come to the serious work of the world we must make these hardy bodies our servants and not our masters. The body grows harder by exercise. Just so, boys, in your after life you will grow constantly fitter to do your work by the very fact of doing it. You will gain strength by going. The more you train yourselves by work the better able you will be to do that work."

PRINCETON MAN WON FINAL HONORS IN CHESS TOURNAMENT

NEW YORK, Dec. 24.—Although beaten in the final round by Harvard, Princeton's chess players carried off final honors in the seventeenth annual chess tournament with Columbia, Yale, and Harvard which has been in progress here for the past three days. Starting the last day of play with a lead of two points over Harvard, the next university in standing, Princeton scored 1 1-2 points in her match with Harvard against 2 1-2 for the "Cambridge players and at the end of the tournament had seven and a half points to her credit. Harvard's six and a half, Columbia defeated Yale by 2 1-2 to 1 1-2 in today's match and the Blue and White finished third, with 5 1-2 points, one below Harvard's mark. Yale was fourth, with one point less than Columbia, scoring 4 1-2 points. The records show the tournament to have been the closest in the history of the series.

Captain L. W. Stephens of Princeton again won his game at the top board and shared with W. W. Parsley of Harvard, the distinction of placing all of his games to the credit of his university. Parsley, however, played throughout at the third board, whereas Stephens had the strongest players on the opposing teams to contend against. The other three members of the winning team were J. W. Alexander, J. L. Tiemann, and H. R. Feger.

In addition to winning the intercollegiate cup, which Columbia had won the past two years, the Princeton players each received the usual silver medals provided by the Alumni.

FOUR MONTHS FOR WOMAN ACCUSED OF SHOP-LIFTING

BOSTON, Dec. 24.—Five women, three young girls and one man, were in court yesterday, charged with shop-lifting.

Mrs. Lillian Wright, who said she lived on Norfolk street, a married woman, implicated her child in her case. She said she had two more children at home. Mrs. Lagarstrom, the detective who caused the woman's arrest, said she had a child with her, and that both held bags, into which the woman dropped Teddy bears and children's underwear. When she got out into the street she changed the goods over from the child's bag into her own.

The woman pleaded hard to be let off, but Judge Ely sentenced her to four months in the house of correction. The woman wrung her hands and asked what could be done and what would become of her children. Clerk Brown said she had the right to appeal, and she did so, and was held in \$500.

BARN BURNED

FIRE IN MANCHESTER CAUSED \$700 LOSS

WINCHESTER, Dec. 24.—A barn on High street, in the west side, owned by Mrs. Julia Dudley of Boston and used by Mrs. Thomas Andreau, was burned last night and about 50 hens perished.

The barn was situated on a hill and lit up the sky so that the reflection was seen for several miles. This gave rise to a rumor that a large estate nearby was on fire, and a number of persons went to the scene.

Mrs. Andreau was in the barn early last night when a lighted lantern, which was accidentally overturned, The lantern exploded and set fire to some hay. The blaze spread so rapidly that the women were unable to do anything when they arrived. Hay which belonged to Charles H. Herick was also burned. The fire caused a loss of about \$700.

BOY KILLED

HE RAN IN FRONT OF AN ENGINE

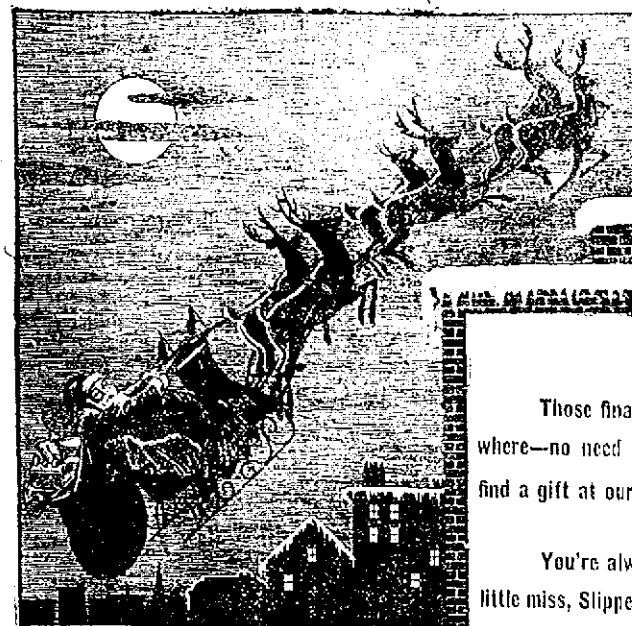
LACONIA, N. H., Dec. 24.—While playing with a train in the Boston and Maine railroad yard, Arthur Rivers, aged 14, ran in front of a moving locomotive and was killed. He was a son of John Rivers, who is a molder in the employ of the Laconia Car Co.

NO LICENSE WON

NEWBURYPORT, Dec. 24.—The majority of voters for no license at the recent municipal election was increased by 15, by the recount which was ended last night. Boston's Robert G. Dodge of Boston represented the liquor interests, and Edward Jones, former United States district attorney, the "dry" adherents. The revised vote is now: No. 1452, yes, 1428, compared with No. 1420, yes, 1412.

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SUICIDE PACT

Boy and a Girl Had Agreed to Die

BELLE VERNON, Pa., Dec. 24.—The lifeless body of Sarah Thares, aged 15 years, and Henry Taggart, aged 17 years, both colored, were found early yesterday near the reservoir of the Belle Vernon Water company. The girl had a bullet hole in her left temple and the boy had a bullet hole in his right temple. It was a case of a boy and girl lover and a double suicide following a suicide pact.

The boy was the son of Rev. Thomas Taggart, pastor of the A. M. E. church here, and the mother of the girl is Mrs. Mary Thares, a resident of Belle Vernon. The girl was a member of Belle Vernon high school and was at the head of her class. The young couple had been missing since Sunday evening. That it was a suicide pact was shown by the following written letter by young Taggart and left where it could be found:

"My Dear Parents—I have tried in every way to keep from bringing sorrow to your hearts but I cannot stand what I have endured any longer. Many a time I went or came from school with a broken heart. Every one of you could have treated me better than you did. You scolded me at times when I did not need it. You kept after me telling me it was time I was thinking about what I was going to do in life. I never thought of anything, for I had in mind ever since I made up with Sarah."

"If we would have had to meet at conference time this would have been done then. You say and others say that children do not know what love is but I know and God knows that I love Sarah. We made up our minds that we would never part as long as we live. She did not shoot me. She shot herself. Then I took the gun and shot myself."

"I loved her and did not want to part with her, and that is why we did it. Do not grieve or worry over us, for we are at rest. If we did not care, you need not care. We will have to answer for what you done on the judgment day and so will I. Please bury me beside Sarah. Have the funeral services at the same time."

The scaled letter to Mrs. Thares, mother of Sarah, written in pen and ink similar to that written by Henry reads as follows:

"Dear Mother—They have tried to part us and we have decided to die. I am to shoot myself and then give the gun to Harry, and he is to shoot himself."

MR. O'SULLIVAN

For Chairman of Democratic State Committee

Under the head "O'Sullivan for chairman," this week's issue of Practical Politics contains the following article of local interest:

"While several names have been suggested for chairman of the new democratic state committee until this week none that was considered satisfactory had been put forward. Senator Valley it was said would be satisfied with Ex-Sen. Fred J. McLeod of Cambridge. Josiah Quincy was being Harry Frothingham, formerly of Charlestown, but in recent years of ward 11; James Donovan and his friends were said to favor John F. Meaney, of Blackstone, chairman of the executive committee of this year's committee. But Mr. McLeod was never very warm towards the chairmanship. Harry Frothingham would fit about as well as chairman of the democratic state committee as would the former Charlestown citizen, Jeremiah J. McCarthy, as chairman of the republican state committee, and as interested in his or any other candidate. Now, however, a name has been put forward that will undoubtedly commend itself to all factions of the party and all members of the committee—the name of Humphrey O'Sullivan of Lowell. Mr. O'Sullivan's name has not until now been given any publicity in connection with the chairmanship of the committee, but it has been talked quietly among some members of next year's body. Everyone to whom it has been mentioned has warmed up immediately to the proposal. It only remains for Mr. O'Sullivan himself to warm up to it. How he will take it is not known as no one has felt authorized to put the matter up to him. If a unanimous tender of the position were to be made to Mr. O'Sullivan it is believed that he would accept. There is nothing, however, to warrant the belief beyond the fact that the genial Lowellite has always in the past been willing to make sacrifices for his party and his given liberally of his time and money in its behalf."

Ident Man for Place

It would be a master stroke for the democratic if they secured Mr. O'Sullivan as a leader. He would be a ideal man for the place. As the head of the great O'Sullivan rubber shoe business, and as the manager of its successful campaign which costs over \$100,000 a year, he is most intricately acquainted with the management of the business. Some of the best business sense which he puts into the business of his rubber shoe firm and his large retail stores in Lowell and Lawrence is that which is needed in the management of the democratic state committee. The rubber shoe committee can find no fault with Mr. O'Sullivan's loyalty to Bryan, and that to all democratic candidates. In the other hand he has always stood well with the so-called "progressive wing" of the party, having a large share of the progressive vote in a number of campaigns. Some of the best business sense which he puts into the business of his rubber shoe firm and his large retail stores in Lowell and Lawrence is that which is needed in the management of the democratic state committee. The rubber shoe committee can find no fault with Mr. O'Sullivan's loyalty to Bryan, and that to all democratic candidates. In the other hand he has always stood well with the so-called "progressive wing" of the party, having a large share of the progressive vote in a number of campaigns. Some of the best business sense which he puts into the business of his rubber shoe firm and his large retail stores in Lowell and Lawrence is that which is needed in the management of the democratic state committee. The rubber shoe committee can find no fault with Mr. O'Sullivan's loyalty to Bryan, and that to all democratic candidates. In the other hand he has always stood well with the so-called "progressive wing" of the party, having a large share of the progressive vote in a number of campaigns.

SLIGHT FIRE

AT CORNER OF JEWETT AND CO. BURN STREETS

The alarm from box 23 at 6:25 o'clock last evening was for a blaze in a store at the corner of Jewett and Coburn streets. Somebody threw a match into some cotton in a window. The damage was small.

PRES. ROOSEVELT

WILL SAY NOTHING PERSONAL ABOUT SECRET SERVICE

WASHINGTON, Dec. 21.—Indications are that persons who expect President Roosevelt to say something of a personal nature in his message to congress in answer to the secret service will be disappointed.

While the president has not yet written his reply, he has collected a stock of information which will serve for its foundation. It is believed he will confine himself principally to an effort to sustain the declaration in his annual message that the action of congress in severely limiting the activities of the secret service agents has resulted in increased crime. Data will be produced to show that criminals and confidence men have been quick to take advantage of the cessation of the work of the secret service men, but it is not believed that there will be any reduction upon the character of individuals which will in the slightest degree embarrass any member of congress.

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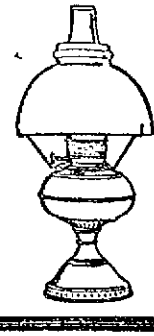
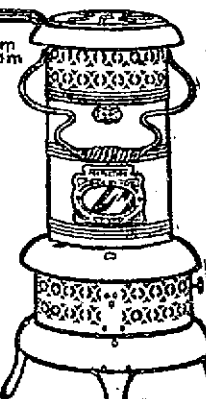
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MERRY CHRISTMAS TO ALL.

In spite of the business depression through which our city in common with others has passed, there is every prospect that the good cheer of the Christmas festival will enter every home and every heart in our city. That it will be enjoyed to the fullest extent by all is our sincere hope, and, therefore, in the spirit of the day we wish all a merry, merry Christmas.

NO SANTA CLAUS DELIVERIES.

The postoffice department has changed its policy in regard to the distribution of letters addressed to Santa Claus. They will all be sent to the dead letter office and that will be the end of them. Last year the post-offices of the country sent them out to institutions or people who it was supposed might reply to the letters granting the requests of the writers. It was found that this practice offered opportunities for fraud and dishonesty and that it was not in the interest of genuine charity.

CANAL ENGINEERING QUESTIONED.

Since the French engineer, Buena Varilla, announced that the engineering plans covering what is known as the Gatun dam in the Panama canal are defective and calculated to lead to disaster, the government has begun to investigate, and it is safe to say that work on the lines laid down will be suspended, pending the visit of President Taft to the peninsula. He will make a thorough investigation and he will not assume to quit quite so much as did his predecessor about matters that only a skilled engineer can determine. What is wanted apparently to ensure the success of the canal undertaking is an engineer such as the late James B. Francis of Lowell, but there is none such in the country.

APPOINTMENT OF LICENSE COMMISSIONERS.

The appointment of police or license commissioners has been the bête noir of our municipal politics for years. We have tried hard to take the liquor business out of politics but without success.

As we have stated before, we believe it would bring about a vast improvement upon present conditions to have the license commissioners appointed by the governor. This change would be met with the objection that it would be a violation of the principle of home rule. No doubt it would, but even so. We must confess that so far as the liquor bugaboo is concerned we have failed to keep it from dominating our politics in one way or another.

So long as the appointment of a liquor license commissioner is left in the hands of the mayor just so long will the liquor interests be drawn into politics to elect a mayor in sympathy with their business.

Were this liquor influence taken completely out of politics we should have better municipal government and the business would be better conducted than it is at present. There would also be more security for the men in the business and less opportunity for blackmail of one kind or another under the guise of affording protection. But it is not their interests but the good of the city that is to be made the paramount consideration. This matter is of vital importance, and now that we are considering the changes in the city charter or the adoption of an entirely new charter it is an opportune time to settle upon a definite policy for the future government of our city.

We do not mean, however, that the control of our police department should pass out of our hands. The police power and license granting power must be absolutely divorced.

BEWARE OF THE DEADLOCK CHARTER.

The city charter that has any provision likely to result in deadlocks is defective. In this respect the Haverhill charter will prove a disappointment and a handicap to the prompt transaction of the city's business. The defect thus far apparent is the provision under which the mayor's appointments are subject to confirmation by the aldermen. Candidates who cannot secure appointment by the mayor will endeavor to prevent the confirmation of the man he appoints. Here is the bone of contention, the fatal defect in the charter. None of the old charters has a worse defect than that which causes a deadlock under which the city's business is tied up. In other respects the new charter adopted by the city of Haverhill is supposed to be greatly superior to that which it superseded.

Here, then, is a lesson for every city contemplating the adoption of a new charter and particularly for the city of Lowell. No charter should be adopted which would embody the Haverhill blunder of having the mayor's appointments subject to confirmation by the aldermen. The log-rolling and political wire pulling that was brought about in Haverhill to secure confirmation of one appointee or to prevent the confirmation of another was enough to disgust anybody with the whole arrangement. The mayor being the responsible executive of the city can never enforce his authority if his orders or appointments are subject to any holdup by any co-ordinate or subordinate body.

It has been proposed to enact a general charter for municipalities to embody what is considered the best plan for governing Massachusetts cities. Such a charter would provide for non-partisanship in the selection of candidates and for the concentration of responsibility in an executive head. The aim is to "put all the eggs in one basket and then watch the basket."

Haverhill and the city of Gloucester have already adopted charters after the Des Moines pattern and Lowell, Salem and other cities are considering the adoption of charters somewhat similar.

It is quite likely that the incoming legislature will adopt a permissive statute authorizing cities accepting the act to adopt that form of administration. The uniformity of charter in a number of cities would offer advantages for comparison of results. It would be well for the city of Lowell perhaps to have a draft of its new charter ready for submission to the legislature early in the session so that if any general charter be submitted it include many of the features suggested by the Lowell charter.

SEEN AND HEARD

While passing along Bridge street this morning I overheard two youngsters discussing a sign that hung outside a provision dealer's store.

The sign read: "Fancy turkeys, 25 cents per pound." "Say, Chummy, what's the difference between a fancy turkey and a plain turkey?" asked the smaller boy as he read the sign.

"Praps it's got more white meat on it," was Chummy's prompt reply.

"Talk about raids," said Supt. Morfitt in remonstrance yesterday. "It's a wonder I have my knees left." The late Capt. Kew and myself used to be in demand at all raids for we had a knack of breaking down doors that made us famous. We'd get hold of the knob or knob and then burst in the panel of the door with our knees and ready a time have I had a lame knee the next day from trying to break in a particularly strong door. Of all raids there was more fun at a Chinese raid for you'd find them hiding in barrels, under clothes baskets, up chimneys and in fact in the smallest possible holes and if you let one of them out of sight for a moment you couldn't tell him from the others when he got in the crowd. But it was the Chinese who fooled Capt. Kew and myself last night for one night when we went over to raid a place in Bridge street. We both went at the door like a couple of heroes, but it wouldn't budge. We kept at it until we were well nigh exhausted. Then we applied our axes and upon beating down the woodwork we found why the door had put our knees to bed. Behind that door were three men running vertically from the floor to the ceiling. We had actually bent the skin out of their sockets and the occupants had escaped by some underground passage. The Chinese are averse to gambling in any place that has not one or more private exits.

DREAMLAND CHIMES

Christmas bells may ring as clear

In the land where your child doth roam.

But never a note will seem half so

As chimies I have heard at home.

In dreams again I seem to hear

Those tones so dear to me:

Wafted by angels of slumber

From my home far over the sea.

Back again mid childhood scenes

I wander, soul must stray.

I waken, alas, it was but a dream.

Home and mother are far away.

Written by Charles A. Littlefield for a friend whose relatives are in Ireland.

Ice skating, Washington park, 10c.

GRANTEVILLE

A well attended meeting of Cameron

circle, Companions of the Forest of

America, was held Tuesday night and

the following officers elected:

Chief companion, Mrs. Bridget

Healy; sub chief, Miss Dora LeDuc;

treasurer, Mrs. Julia B. Wall; financial

secretary, Mrs. Hannah E. Harrington;

recording secretary, Miss Lena J.

Healy; right guide, Miss Mary J.

Sullivan; left guide, Miss Dora Stuart;

inside guard, Miss Eugénie Mattson;

side guard, Theresa Marchione;

trustee, Miss Anne Healy; circle physician, Dr. W. H. Sherman of Granite-

ville. All of the above named officers

will be duly installed by the degree

team from the Ayer circle of Ayer on

the first regular meeting, next night

month which will be on Jan. 12th. A

short entertainment will follow the

regular order of business on this oc-

casional.

COTTON FUTURES

NEW YORK, Dec. 21.—Cotton fu-

tures opened steady, Dec. 9.10; Jan.

8.65; Feb. 8.60; Mar. 8.55; April

8.50; May 8.45; June 8.40; July 8.35;

Aug. 8.30; Sept. 8.25; Oct. 8.20.

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CHRIST'S NATIVITY

The Crib as Represented in the Catholic Churches

The pilgrimage to the different churches to visit the "crib" is one of the beautiful customs practised by Catholics at Christmas tide and in nearly every Lowell church of that faith the scene of the nativity in Bethlehem is portrayed by a representation of the crib.

Although the necessary figures of the crib are similar wherever the devotion is practised the decorations, details of arrangement, and accessories are different in nearly every church. There are elaborate structures in many of the Lowell churches, notably those in charge of the oblate fathers and in others there are humble suggestions of the Redeemer's birthplace. The essentials, a representation of the stable in Bethlehem and the manger surroundings which tradition associates with it are made more impressive by the figures that recall the persons and domestic animals mentioned in the stories of the nativity.

In the foreground, on the crib, no matter how costly the setting, there is a figure which represents the Lord as a babe wrapped in swaddling clothes on a pallet of straw. Figures at either side of the crib remind one of Mary, the infant's mother, and St. Joseph, His foster father, kneeling in adoration. Others in kneeling positions represent the shepherds.

A short distance from the crib there are three figures supposed to be journeying to the crib. These are the three wise men of the East, each of whom saw the prophetic star in his own distant kingdom. The pilgrims are laden with gold, frankincense, and myrrh, gifts for the new born king.

Groups of miniature buildings and neighborhoods recall the villages in the neighborhood of Bethlehem, and make the portrayal more realistic. Life size statues are used when there are so many picturesque accessories.

The devotion to the crib is so extensive that small cribs for use in the homes are an important branch of the Christmas trade of dealers in religious articles. The crib is erected in many Lowell Catholic homes as the altar is at other seasons.

Today being the vigil of Christmas is a fast day of obligation, and tomorrow, Christmas day—is a holy day of obligation.

The Gospel for Christmas is taken from St. Luke II, 1-14. The epistle from Titus II, 11-15. The gospel concerns the birth of the savior.

Christmas is a holy day of obligation therefore all Catholics are obliged to attend mass on that day.

The regular Christmas collection will be taken up on Christmas day at all the masses in all of the Catholic churches of Lowell.

The parochial schools are closed for the holidays.

Contributions have come in quite liberally in aid of the settlement work in the Belvidere parish.

Right Rev. Alexander MacDonald, D. D., well known in Lowell, is now on his way to Rome to be consecrated as bishop of Victoria. Before his departure from Boston, Dr. MacDonald was tendered a farewell banquet at the Parker house and was made the recipient of a purse of gold. He is accompanied on his trip to Rome by the Rev. Fr. Charles Chisholm.

The apostle of temperance, the Rev. Francis J. Butler of St. Leo's church, Dorchester, celebrated his 55th anniversary.

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His Grace, Archbishop O'Connell is to visit the mitro in the beginning of the new year. This will be his second visit to Japan, and it is understood to complete the negotiation between the Vatican and the mikado's government. He expects to be able to make his report to the Pope in May. There is talk in religious circles that Archbishop O'Connell will soon be advanced to the high position of cardinal.

KINDERGARTENS

Held Enjoyable Christmas Exercises

The annual Christmas exercises at the Pine street kindergarten were held yesterday and the parents and friends of the 22 pupils were their guests at a merry time. The school room was prettily decorated and the blackboards were adorned with chalk drawings of the three wise men, Santa Claus and his reindeer, while in the corner of the room was a real Christmas tree. The tree was decorated with red stars and colored paper made by the little ones themselves. When the exercises opened, the children took their seats in a circle and sang Christmas songs, illustrating them with graceful motions. Then the children played their games. They impersonated the New England winter birds, turned themselves into trains of cars, were snowflakes that gathered and fell in a storm, and played "Soldier Boy," which ended in a patriotic march with flags.

The distribution of gifts then took place, in charge of the teacher, Miss Smith, and her assistant. The gifts on the tree were made by the pupils themselves for their parents. After these had been passed around, Miss Smith went to a closet and produced a box of stocking candy bags which she passed around to the children, to their great surprise and delight.

Franklin School

Among other interesting tree exercises during the morning was one at the Franklin school kindergarten, where Miss Taylor is principal. There are Polish and Syrian children at this school, and the grace and aptitude displayed in competition with their little American comrades was highly instructive.

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HERE'S A CHANCE BEFORE CHRISTMAS; WE HAVE BUT SEVEN COATS TO SELL.

2 KERSEY COATS, lined with Russian mink, muskrat collar, were \$65. \$50

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ONE FINE KERSEY COAT, handsome matched lining of Russian mink, very fine otter collar, was \$125 \$95

2 FINE BROADCLOTH COATS, choice Eastern mink lining, natural otter collar and facing, were \$150 \$110

FUR COATS—Fur Outside

ALL MARKED DOWN

ONE HANDSOME NORTHERN RACCOON COAT, was \$60 \$45

2 GALWAY CALF COATS, Nutria collar, were \$30 \$25

2 CHINESE BLACK DOG COATS, muskrat collars, were \$28 \$22

2 CHINESE BLACK DOG COATS with Wombat collars, were \$25 \$20

ONE CHINESE BLACK DOG COAT, one Black Mocha, was \$20 \$15

Men's House Coats

A FEW LOTS MARKED DOWN

A Small Lot Men's House Coats, reversible cloth, fancy plaid back, were \$5.00, now marked \$3.75

One Matelasse Silk House Coat, was \$12, now \$5.00

Twenty Handsome House Coats, all brand new styles—several colors, were \$8.00, now \$5.50

Six Rich House Coats, were \$12, now \$10

through the mails to bridge parties or to any card parties where an admission is charged. A conscientious Hartford, Conn., gentleman has been reading in the papers about card parties at which prizes were awarded and where money had been won and lost at bridge. He wrote to the postmaster-general and received a reply from E. P. Goodwin, assistant attorney-general, saying that card prizes are regarded as lotteries when prizes are given and in that event matter relating to them is unlawful. Books containing the new two-cent postage stamps have been placed on sale. Like all the denominations of the new series of 1908, with the exception of the one-cent, the two-cent stamp bears the head of George Washington in profile from Houdon's bust. The head is in an ellipse on end, with laurel leaves on either side of the ellipse. Above the head are the words "U. S. POSTAGE". Below it is the denomination. The size and shape of the stamps are as the series of 1902.

The two-cent stamps in sheets and other denominations will be issued as soon as they are printed. The department at Washington will continue to send the old designs until the supply is exhausted or depleted, regulations calling for 1908 series will be filled in whole or in part with stamps of the old design.

When the present supply of 32 and 33 stamps is exhausted these denominations will be discontinued. The stamps of the new series are 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 8, 10, 12, 15, 20-cent and \$1.

The new special delivery stamp is also on sale at some of the offices. It has been found that the method of placing stamps to the value of ten cents upon mail matter and marking across the stamps "special delivery" has not worked successfully. A great many complaints have been registered

The Old Christmas Pudding

BY ROBERT DONNELL

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How dear to this heart are the
scenes of my cubhood,
When fond recollection pre-
sents them to view---

The kitchen, where mother pre-
pare us the grub would,
And every loved dish that
my infancy knew;

The wide spreading table, the
chairs which stood by it,
The bell that was rung for
the dinner time call,

The seat of my father, my own
there a-nigh it,
And e'en the rude pudding
which hung on the wall---

The old Christmas pudding, the
English plum pudding,
The cloth covered pudding
which hung on the wall!

That cloth covered pudding I
hailed as a treasure,
For often, some months ere
the season of Yule,

I found it the source of an ex-
quisite pleasure
To sniff at the same on re-
turning from school.

How ardent I seized it, with
hands that were greasy

From sandwiches sneaked from
the cupboard so tall!
To bite me a crescent was not
so dead easy;

That bag of stout muslin pro-
tected it all---

The old Christmas pudding, the
English plum pudding,
The cloth covered pudding
which hung on the wall!

How sweet from the brown,
mussy bag to receive it
And hand it in hunks through
the cleft of my lips!

Not the stuffed turkey gobbler
could tempt me to leave it;
I ate till my appetite suffered
eclipse.

But now, far removed from the
loved situation,
The tear of regret will intru-
sively fall

As fancy reverts to my father's
plantation,
Because I can't tackle plum
pudding at all---

The soggy plum pudding, the
perilous pudding,
The gout giving pudding
which hangs on the wall!

Social Finale of the Present Administration

TITLE, rank and gold lace—the president and his cabinet, the supreme court, congress and the diplomatic circle—all are included in the term official Washington.

Beyond the boundaries of the city the country understands the term to include splendidly equipped women who graciously entertain and who make Washington life in the winter season the equal of any court in European capitals.

It is beyond the limit of any one article to include all the sterling women of the national capital. Only a few of the galaxy that sustain the reputation of the fine old town can be enumerated—such as come to one's mind when the mentality is at its best. As for example:

Women of the Cabinet.

Mrs. Roosevelt, wife of the president, is first lady of the land.

The title is conferred by common consent. Mrs. Roosevelt has fulfilled all the requirements of the title. This means more than the plain statement would indicate to the uninitiated. Not only must the first lady of the land be fitted for the social demands of official Washington, but she must be a woman of intellectual attainments. More than that, she must know what is taking place in the world and be able to speak guardedly and intelligently of the same. That Mrs. Roosevelt is one of the best read women, if the homely designation may be pardoned, is conceded by those competent to pass on such matters. If the administration has been buffeted by the opposition, as that of Mr. Roosevelt certainly has been, all the more important that his wife should be a woman of poise. That Mrs. Roosevelt's fact will continue through the last days of the administration no one who has met her will doubt.

Mrs. N. K. Fairbanks, wife of the vice president, long ago won her way in official Washington. When her husband was in the senate Mrs. Fairbanks proved that she was qualified to fill the sphere in which she was placed. Many of the most brilliant entertainments in Washington have occurred in her official home. As the next to the first lady of the land, Mrs. Fairbanks has acquitted herself with great dignity, and one of the pleasant social memories of the administration now drawing to a close will be the part which Mrs. Fairbanks played as a hostess.

The women who constitute what is known as the cabinet circle have sustained themselves in their respective spheres with a graciousness that will be missed when they have retired from the official life of the capital. Mrs. Ethel Roosevelt, wife of the secretary of state, has by a series of the many important questions considered by the state department been recognized as one of the most capable and intelligent of the women who are now in the service of the government. Mrs. Root, not only occupies her official position, but

she has taken an enviable place as a hostess.

Official Washington is proud of the home life of the accomplished Mrs. Cortelyou, wife of the secretary of the treasury. As her husband has advanced step by step in political life, Mrs. Cortelyou accompanied him in social success. She is a favorite at the White House and has shared in all of the notable social functions of that famous old mansion in the Roosevelt administration.

There will be a flavor of antebellum

ter's receptions and will be an added brilliant to the social galaxy of the capital. She has much of the spirit of her mother and of course is a favorite.

The other women of the cabinet circle are Mrs. Bonaparte, who was the attractive hostess of the navy department when her husband was at the head of that bureau; Mrs. George von L. Meyer, a favorite in New England, as she became in Washington; Mrs. Garfield, wife of the secretary of the interior, who knows her official

Everybody in Washington this winter will endeavor to see Mrs. Nicholas Longworth, who will always be known as Alice Roosevelt. Not only is she the president's daughter, but she was a White House bride. Only four girls, son of the national capital was Fred-

er before her had that distinction. A half-century. Few women in the land who Mrs. Edward Morgan, who led the would not gladly share the honors and attention that have been lavished on Mrs. Longworth. What she wears, what she says, wherever she goes, are taken up with avidity. No matter where her home may be, she will al-

ways be associated with the White House. Wherever a notable function may occur she will be there, and if she is not she will be missed.

The prettiest of the buds of last season at the national capital was Mrs. Longworth. What she wears, what she says, wherever she goes, are taken up with avidity. No matter where her home may be, she will al-

be a popular young woman, and to know her is to be admitted to the very best society in Washington.

What is a winter in Washington without a noted debutante? The proud distinction falls this winter to Ethel Roosevelt. Ever since Alice Roosevelt became Mrs. Longworth, ever since Ethel Roosevelt had that party on the lawn at Sagamore Hill last summer, the social circles of the land have been on tiptoe watching for the coming out of Ethel. The wait is about over. The young lady who is

to give the last notable social color to the administration soon to cease will make the long expected bow before the chimera of the New Year ring.

Mrs. Bryce, Highborn Briton.

At the head of the brilliant line from over the waters is Mrs. James Bryce, wife of the British ambassador, a charming, gracious woman, a highborn Briton. Popular? Rather, for one in her exalted station. Her husband is quite democratic in his ways. He goes about in the old departmental libraries and sits beside the men at the head of those old nooks and talks to them as he would to a crowd. He goes home and tells his wife about the people who were gracious to him. When she makes out her list of "at home" the people who were attentive to Mr. Bryce are remembered, and when they go to the embassy they receive as much attention from Mrs. Bryce as they would if they were members of the nobility. Mrs. Bryce is almost thirty years the junior of her husband, but she is never happier than when she is telling how she fell in love with him from reading his speeches. If the Bryces should suddenly conclude to quit Washington, their departure would detract much from the pleasures of the capital.

But the galaxy of attractive women in Washington this winter has no limit. In the list of noted hostesses are Mrs. De Lagorance, wife of the Swedish minister; then come Mrs. Senator Beveridge, Mrs. Perry Belmont and Mrs. John R. McLean, whose famous dinner to forty women a year ago was the talk of the town. The Ellises are at the capital, splendid mother and charming daughter of whom we have heard so much. She is not going to Italy this year. There also, in Washington, is the beautiful Mrs. Mathilda Townsend and her lovely home, which is a dream. Old Washington recalls Powell Clayton, who was minister to Mexico. His daughter married Baron Moncheur, the Belgian minister. She is in the capital this winter, as beautiful as when she became a bride. The popular, as popular as ever, Mrs. William S. Fowler, the presidential sister, whose husband is connected with the navy department, remains to grace the famous circle. Mrs. Herbert Satterlee of the navy set, who was Mrs. Morgan of New York, daughter of J. P. Morgan, also Mrs. Williams, daughter of the late, the sister of Mrs. Joseph Lister, and Mrs. Mann, granddaughter of Phil Armour, cousin of Ethel Roosevelt, said to be the most beautiful of the group, and of course Mrs. Cannon, daughter of the speaker of the house, who is the favorite American girl in diplomatic circles, and others and others, ad infinitum. FRANK H. BROOKS.



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MRS. TRUMAN H. NEWBERRY

MRS. CAROL NEWBERRY

MRS. JAMES BRYCE

MRS. ETHEL ROOSEVELT

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BOSTON CHARTER

Would do Away With Common Council

BOSTON, Dec. 24.—The new city charter to be presented to the legislature by the finance commission will be extremely radical and it is predicted that certain features of it will encounter strenuous opposition on Beacon Hill.

Although the entire charter has not yet been definitely agreed upon by the finance commission, it was stated on Beacon Hill last night that it would contain these recommendations:

A provision calling for the abolition of the common council.

Nine members of the board of aldermen, instead of 12 as at present.

The abolition of the party designations on the ballot and a law requiring each name on a nomination paper to be backed by "three" candidates.

A number of consolidations of city departments.

The abolition of the office of clerk of committees and of the office of city messenger.

The merging of the public grounds department with the park department.

It may be stated authoritatively that the finance commission will not recommend any form of government by a commission.

The wiping out of party designations on the ballot is perhaps the most radical feature of the new city charter. This will mean the disbanding of the political machines of all parties.

The recommendation providing for the abolition of the common council will be the issue to be fought hard in the legislature by many of the democratic members as well as the republicans.

It was stated last night that the charter would be sent to the legislature shortly after Jan. 1.

One of the matters which has not been decided upon fully is whether or not the board of street commissioners will be wiped out. There is a division of opinion among the members of the finance commission on this subject.

LEAVES ON SPECIAL MISSION

THE HAGUE, Dec. 24.—The foreign office has been advised that Jose J. Paul, until recently minister of foreign affairs of Venezuela, left La Guaira today for Paris and The Hague on a special mission from the new Venezuelan government to open negotiations for the settlement of the existing disputes between Venezuela and France and Holland.

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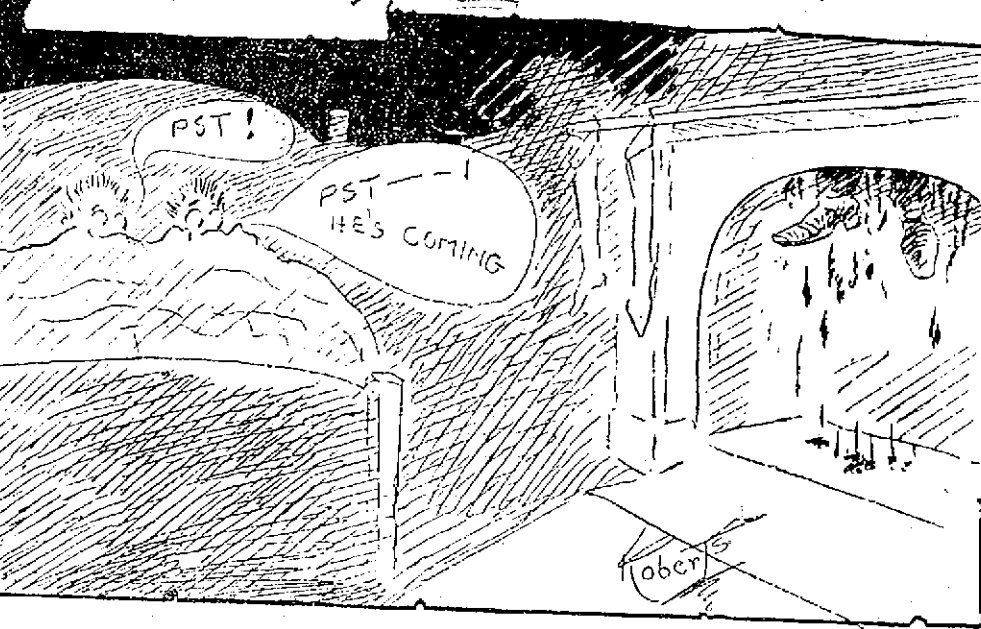
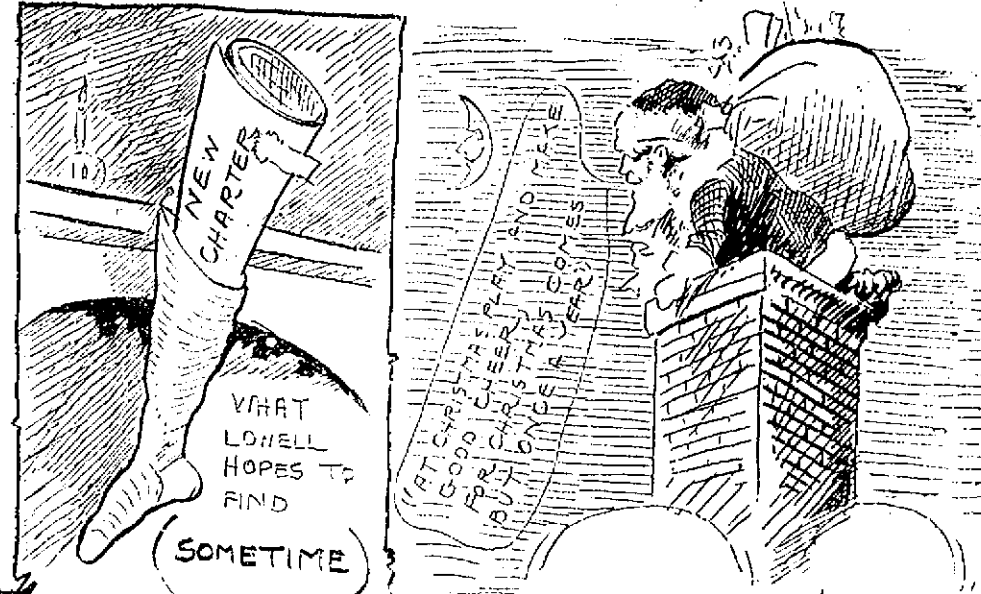
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CHURCH SERVICES

Beautiful Musical Programs for the Christmas Festival

The religious observance of Christmas day is confined principally to the Catholic and Episcopal churches, where most beautiful services mark the occasion. In all the Catholic churches masses will be sung from sunrise continuing until 10:30 while in the evening solemn vespers services will be held. In nearly all churches in the past the music has been augmented by an orchestra but as the musical programs are now less elaborate than in former years this feature is not included.

At the First Unitarian church last night the pastor, Rev. Charles T. Billings, gave a reading of Dickens' "Christmas Carol" to the members of the church and their friends. The very pleasant meeting took place in the vestry and there was a goodly number present. Following the reading, the audience joined in the singing of some of the oldest and most famous of the English carols.

The Woman's Missionary society of the Palace Street C. B. church met yesterday at the home of Mrs. Walter A. Chase in Florence avenue. Miss Mildred Chapman gave a reading and Mrs. E. G. Russell sang. Miss Edith Russell gave a talk on the costumes and mode of living in the Holy land. Refreshments were served.

Midnight Service

The midnight choral service at the House of Prayer will commence at 11:15.

ST. PATRICK'S CHURCH

Rev. Wm. O'Brien, P. R., Pastor

8:30 PROGRAM

Melody in D flat, Op. 191, No. 4

See Amid the Winter's Snow, French Melody.

Antiphons and Psalms of the day.

Hymn—Jesu Redemptor

Antiphon and Magnificat

Alma Redemptoris

Benediction

Motet—Ave Verum

Tantum Ergo

Adoramus te, Christe

Recessional

ST. JOSEPH'S

Rev. Joseph Campeau, Pastor

Solemn high mass at 10:30

Organ prelude, "Christmas Offertory"

(in F major) Jules Gresson

Professional "Rhapsodie on Christmas Themes" (in C minor) organ.

Eugene Gigout

Introit, Puer natus est

Gregorian

The choir will sing Perreault's Christmas mass in G minor on ancient and modern Christmas carols.

Kyrie

Solo, Mr. Edgar Montmarquet

Gloria

Gloria acinus (offert) M. Victor Le Sage, Edward Desrosiers.

Gradual, "Viderunt omnes" Gregorian

Sanctus, Rev. Fr. Baron, O. M. I.

Credo, "In carnatus est, solo, Mr. Arthur Leveillé.

Et in spiritum sanctum, solo, Mr. Edward Desrosiers.

Offertory, Adeste Fidelis

Novello

Mr. Alfred Paradis.

Sanctus

Benedictus

Agnus Dei

Solo, M. M. Frank Gaudreau, Edward Desrosiers.

Solo, triumphant march (in D major), organ, Dudley Buck.

Solemn Vespers at 6:30.

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NIGHT EDITION

THE LOCAL POLICE

Are on the Watch for Shoplifters
and Thieves

Despite the fact that the down town streets and stores are packed with people and there is an excellent chance for the light fingered gentry as well as adept shoplifters to ply their nefarious trade, the police had not arrested a person for either of the above mentioned offenses up to the time of going to press this afternoon.

The three inspectors of the criminal bureau, assisted by members of the department in plain clothes, have patrolled Central and Merrimack streets and visited the different stores during the day.

The expert pickpockets have steered shy of this city of late owing to the

fact that some of the cleverest crooks in the country have been captured here this year by the local inspectors and the "fraternity" has taken Lowell off the "easy" list and placed it in the category of the cities on the "nothing doing" list.

During the holiday week youngsters are tempted to steal toys from the counters in the five and ten cent stores and department stores, but there has been nothing of that kind done this year according to report.

The day has been a comparatively quiet one in police circles, and it is hoped that it will be as quiet during the latter part of the afternoon and night.

THE HOLLY PUMP

Is Said to Have Made a Big Saving on Coal

The consumption of water in this city at the present time is remarkably low, a fact that is due in a great measure to the rather mild weather with which we have been favored. About 4,000,000 gallons were pumped daily in November and about 5,000,000 gallons are being pumped at the present time.

The new Holly pump at the boulevard can read its title clear to a place in the affections of the taxpayer. The new pump is saving the city \$25 a day on coal and at that rate of going it will pay for itself in a very short time.

In conversation with the chairman of the water board, Robert J. Crowley, today, the latter said that the new pump is showing a saving of at least 25 per cent. on coal. It is cheerfully admitted that Mr. Crowley

has done a great deal to advance the water department to the very highest standard, and he said today that if conditions warranted it he would advocate a triple expansion pump for Centralville. "Not necessarily," a Holly pump," said Mr. Crowley, "but a pump of similar make and action. It would pay for itself in a very few years and would add to the perfection of Lowell's water department which is admitted by every visitor to Lowell to be one of the very best in the country."

The contract for 255 tons of cast iron pipe for the water department has been awarded M. J. Drummond & Co. of New York. The pipe is for street mains and the contract calls for delivery before April 1.

THE NIGHTRIDERS

UNION CITY, Tenn., Dec. 24.—Instead of resting with the testimony it had submitted the state decided today to offer more evidence against the night riders and summoned Thomas H. Clear as its witness. Thos. H. Clear was induced to join the night riders by Arthur Clear early in October. The witness was cool but calm for last Sunday a friend of one of the men on trial approached Clear and told him that if he testified he would be killed before he left the stand. He was missing for an hour or two last night, and the state feared he had been abducted or killed. An armed party found him in Clayton, however.

On the day of Captain Rankin's murder Clear went to Red Foot lake for fish and met Rob Huffman and Bud Morris, two of the defendants. Huffman told him to join in order to get information as to how Union City was guarded as they wanted to visit that

place and "attend to" Judge Jones, Attorney General Caldwell, the latter's father, a man of 80, Judge Waddell and some other prominent men who were urging the extermination of the night riding band.

The witness was told that the night riders were going to "get" Rankin and Taylor that night and he was urged to ride with them. He told them that he had no gun, that his child was ill and that he could not go. Prior to this hour he had burned his mark and told his wife he would never go with the riders again. He was not present when Rankin was killed. He talked with Arthur Clear, the defendant, a few days after the killing. The latter told the witness all the details of the murder, and said that he, Arthur Clear, was present when it was committed. A severe cross-examination failed to move the witness from his story.

GRAND SERVICE

At Immaculate Conception Tomorrow

Most elaborate preparations have been made for the observance of Christmas at the Immaculate Conception church. The sanctuary will be ablaze with light, hundreds of incandescent bulbs having been installed in the arches and niches over the great altars. More than 1,000 yards of laurel have been used in the decorations and

when the people enter the church tomorrow the scene will be one of great magnificence. Before the celebration of the high mass is begun at 10:30 the sanctuary choir of 100 boys, under the direction of Rev. Dennis A. Sullivan, O. M. I., will assemble in the vestibule of the church and will sing two Christmas hymns, "O Morn of Gladness," a composition by Rev. Fr. Sullivan, and "A Little Town of Bethlehem." For a procession, "Silent Night" will be sung with Gerald Ream, Patrick McGuire and Joseph Stowell as soloists. The recessional hymn will be "Holy Night."

If you want help at home or in your business, try The Sun "Want" column.

CHRISTMAS MONEY

At One Per Cent. Per Month

No borrower should pay more. Salaried people, merchants and others. Loans made on short notice. Planes and furniture a specialty. All business strictly confidential. If not convenient to call, write or phone and we will send representative.

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WAS FINED \$100

For Practicing Medicine Without Authority

George Demopoulos was fined \$100 in police court this morning for "pretending to be a practitioner of medicine without authority and without being registered." He appealed and was held under \$200 for the superior court.

The defendant was brought into court on the above mentioned charge during the summer and pleaded guilty to the complaint, but the matter "hung fire" in order that Mr. Demopoulos might take an examination, but was disposed of today so far as the local court is concerned.

"JOE" GILLOW

ENJOYED BRIEF VACATION IN THIS CITY

Joseph S. Gillow, former supt. of lands and buildings and who also was connected with the Accident of the Erie Stock company, but who is now playing the lead with Eugene Blair in "The Kreutzer Sonata," a Russian play, has been spending the past four days in this city. His company returns at New Britain, Conn., tomorrow afternoon.

A CLINTON MAN

To Take Charge of the Bigelow Color Dept.

It was stated today that the Brussels department of the Bigelow Carpet company's mills in this city will be taken care of by the color department of the company's mills at Clinton. Mr. Fred Silk of North Tewksbury, known to mill men as one of the best color blenders in this country, had charge of the color blending in the Brussels department for several years. The company, it seems, decided to consolidate its color departments, and Mr. Silk severed his connection with the company on Saturday last.

This week there came from Clinton a young man from the color department there, and he is taking the position over in this city for the purpose of making arrangements for the work to be done in Clinton for the Lowell mills.

GREAT SUCCESS

Is Settlement Work in Belvidere

The settlement work started by Rev. Dennis A. Sullivan, O. M. I., of the Immaculate Conception church, has been even a greater success than was expected. More than 600 articles of clothing have been distributed already and by night not a single child in Belvidere will be without food or clothing. The response to Fr. Sullivan's appeal has been most generous, checks calling for sums of money having been received from persons whom the clergymen never knew. The fact that the charity is extended to all regardless of their faith has appealed strongly to a great many people and as a result aid is being received from sources which it was not expected the appeal would reach. As stated before, Fr. Sullivan intends that this settlement work shall be permanent, and he is ready to give whatever spare time he has to helping the movement.

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Perfect temperature conditions make the Electric Griddle a success. Can be used for cooking any food prepared on hot flat surface.

Just Right and Just Hot

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CHRISTMAS PRESENTS

Welch Bros. have a beautiful line of Gas lamps and the prices are right. These lamps make more than a gas lamp. Remember the place.

WELCH BROS., Middle St

LOWELL WOMAN

Leaves Money to Educate Man for Priesthood

By the will of Ellen Kelly of Lowell, the pastor of the church of the Immaculate Conception, Lowell, is given \$1000 to be expended by him in educating some young man for the priesthood of the Catholic church. She also gives him \$200 to be used in the aid of a society for the propagation of the faith and \$500 for masses.

The mission of the Immaculate Virgin for the protection of homeless and destitute children in New York is given \$200. Joseph Kelly of Rochester, a nephew, \$200; a niece, Mary Waters, a like amount.

All the rest of the estate is given to the pastor above mentioned for the purpose of additional masses for the repose of the soul of testatrix. Rev. John P. Reynolds, O. M. I. of Lowell is made sole executor.

\$10,000 BONDS

Beaulieu Has Been Unable to Secure Bail

Willfred Beaulieu, who shot his wife, Romella, on the 28th of November at the home of her father, 81 Ford street, and afterwards shot himself, was brought into court this morning for trial on a complaint charging him with assault with intent to murder. The court was informed that Mrs. Beaulieu

will be unable to leave the hospital for two or three weeks, therefore the case was continued till January 1st. Being unable to secure a surety in the sum of \$10,000, he was remanded to jail.

After leaving court Beaulieu was taken to a local photographer's where his picture was taken.

WITNESS DAVIS

BOSTON, Dec. 24.—William D. Elwell, a stockbroker, resumed the stand when the trial of Cardenio P. King, the financial agent indicted for larceny of \$25,000 in 31 counts, was continued in the Suffolk county superior criminal court. Mr. Elwell was questioned regarding the custom prevailing in brokerage offices regarding the use of customers' funds. Attorney Herbert Parker of counsel for King asked the witness to describe the custom of brokers in taking customers' money left for the purchase of stock. Assistant District Attorney Dwyer objected to the question, and the jury was dismissed while the law point was argued. The question finally was admitted and after the jury had reached the court room Mr. Elwell said that such funds were taken by the broker, mingled with the broker's funds and credited among the broker's assets. There was no specific account kept for the customer, he said.

LOWELL SHOCKED

Explosion Generally Felt in This City

Lowell and the surrounding country was quite severely jolted by the explosion in Acton this morning and the fact that the explosion was so widely felt was a remarkable thing. It was not until the explosion had occurred that the explosion itself was insignificant as compared with the South Lowell explosion, as many people felt the shock although there was no damage reported in Lowell this time.

About every person by a reporter of the Sun today describes the event of the shock as terrific. It seemed as if an immense wall was shaking the windows of a person's house trying to enter the house by means of a window. In the Bedford district the shock was particularly distinct and windows rattled until it was feared they were about to be shattered and in a few cases small lights of glass were shattered. I was just getting out of bed and I thought someone was trying to get into the house. The opinion expressed by a majority of Lowell people was that the shock, in Chelmsford, was felt with great distinctness and several persons ran out of their houses to inquire the cause of the shock. No damage was reported from Chelmsford, however.

Interest BEGINS JAN. 2.

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Traders National Bank
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WOMAN EXTRA

BOARD OF HEALTH

To Hear the Middlesex Village People This Afternoon

The board of health will meet late this afternoon for this is its regular meeting day and unless there should occur a hitch in the program the meeting will be an interesting one.

The near-diphtheria epidemic at Middlesex Village will be ironed out, and it is expected that the matter will finally go to the mayor. It was stated today that the people from the village would say certain things about the city engineer and superintendent of streets, and ask that they be made to give an account of their stewardship.

The village folk will start with a grievance that dates back a few years, and they will proceed to bring their grievance plumb up to date.

It seems that a man living in Middlesex Village asked for a sewer in his street. He claims that City Engineer Rogers refused to recommend the sewer because the street was not at grade. The man then went to the superintendent of streets, Mr. Morse, and

the latter put the street at grade, but that, the complainant says, was all that was to it. He was unable after that to move either Mr. Morse or Mr. Rogers to feel that the sewer was really necessary.

The man who wanted the sewer was using a dry well that was located near the street, and there were times when the well would overflow. The result was that several cases of diphtheria, cropp'd up in the immediate vicinity, and the cause of the trouble was laid at the door of the man with the dry well. The man realized that his position was not a very comfortable one, and he immediately proceeded to place the blame where he believed it to belong.

That same dry well, the story has it, will start the ball rolling this afternoon, and they do tell that the people from Middlesex Village will have a long list of grievances with the facts to back them up.

The committee on accounts will hold its last meeting for the year on next Tuesday afternoon at 3 o'clock and what business is left over after that meeting will pass on to the committee on accounts for 1909.

The city auditor announces that all bills against the city must reach city hall not later than Saturday of this week in order that there may be time to deal properly with them before the date set for the meeting of the committee.

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LATEST

ONE MAN KILLED

Three Others and a Woman Were Seriously Burned

NEW YORK, Dec. 24.—One man was killed, three other men and a woman were seriously burned and the lives of many others were saved only by prompt and heroic work by firemen and the tenants themselves in a fire that wrecked a five-story tenement house at 122 12th street early today.

The man who lost his life was Daniel Prizel, 13 years of age, an Englishman who lived with a family named Looker in the top floor.

The injured are: Mrs. Alice Looker, aged 50, burned about the face and body; condition serious. Charles Looker, her son, aged 25, burned about the head and face. Harrison Loker, another son, 23 years of age, hands and arms burned. David Mullen, a fireman, burned about the face and hands.

Mullen received his burns in saving the life of Mrs. Looker. He rushed up a ladder to a window from which Mrs. Looker was about to jump to the ground, five stories below. As he ran up the ladder the fireman shouted words of encouragement to the woman and begged her not to jump. Although the flames were pressing close behind her she waited and was reaching out to meet Mullen's arms when she fainted

and fell back into the blazing room.

Mullen plunged headlong after her through the window from which clouds of smoke and tongues of flame were swirling. When he found Mrs. Looker lying unconscious on the floor, her night clothing ablaze he beat out the flames with his bare hands, tore off his coat and wrapped it around her and the fierce heat and started for the return. By this time the room was almost like a furnace but Mullen succeeded in getting the unconscious woman to the window and then half way down the ladder where his companions were waiting. Mrs. Looker was rushed to a hospital, but she had been terribly burned and it is possible she may not recover.

In the meantime other firemen and some of the men tenants had been carrying women and children from other apartments in the house and it was believed until after the flames were extinguished that all had gotten out in safety. It was while the firemen were going through the ruins of the Looker apartment that Prizel's blackened body was found. He had been overcome by smoke and burned to death before he could reach an escape. The damage was about \$15,000.

JAIL SENTENCE

Proprietor of St. Charles Hotel Was Fined Also

Hugh F. Mellen and Michael J. McGovern, licensees of the St. Charles hotel in Middlesex street, were found guilty of illegally keeping liquor by Judge Hadley in police court this morning and Mr. Mellen was fined \$100 and sentenced to three months in jail, while Mr. McGovern was fined \$75. Both appealed.

Lawyer Guy O. Ham of Boston appeared for the government and J. Joseph O'Connor, Esq., for the defendants.

Levi H. Russell, of Stoneham, was the first witness called. Witness, with the assistance of a note book, testified as follows:

"On July 4th I visited the St. Charles hotel. I was accompanied by Mr. Hood and we reached the hotel about 11:50 a. m. Mr. Hood ordered two bottles of lager beer and paid 20 cents. There was no order given for food.

"On July 12, a Sunday, accompanied by Mr. Hood, called at the St. Charles hotel. Mr. Hood ordered a glass of whiskey and paid for it. I had nothing. Mr. Hood ordered no food.

"On Sept. 27, Sunday, I arrived at the hotel about 3:40 p. m. Had a glass of beer and sandwiches were served. On cross examination Lawyer J. Joseph O'Connor asked, 'What is your business?'

"I am in the employ of the Anti-Saloon league and have been for a little over a year. Prior to that I was dealing in surgical instruments."

"Was this evidence secured for the Anti-Saloon league?"

"No. The Lowell Law and Order league."

"How long have you been in the employ of the Law and Order league?"

"Several different times, beginning the Fourth of July."

"Was July 4th the first year you did for the Law and Order league?"

"I think it was."

"It took witness so long to answer questions, owing to the fact that he would not give an answer until he had perused his notes, Mr. O'Connor asked: 'Haven't you any memory at all about these matters?'

"I have no recollection. Only my notes."

Witness said that on July 12th he and Mr. Hood were served with liquor without previously asking for food. He said that after the drinks had been served, two plates, each having two slices of bread thereon, were placed before them.

"Did you go to the St. Charles hotel at 7:20 a. m. on July 4th?"

"I did not."

"What happened on the 27th of September?"

"Accompanied by Mr. Dickerman, I entered the hotel, asked for a sandwich, and the clerk, after getting the order, asked 'what else?'

"How many glasses of beer did you have on the 27th of September prior to entering the St. Charles hotel?"

"I visited two other places."

"How much beer did you drink in these two other places?"

"A glass of beer and a bottle of beer."

"Does a drink of beer affect your memory any?"

"I don't think so."

"How much whiskey did you drink on this particular day?"

"None at all."

"Did you ever telephone from Boston to people in Lowell that you had evidence regarding the illegal sales of liquor and that it might be to their benefit to meet you any place?"

"No sir."

"Do you know any of your party that did?"

"No sir."

"At this point Mr. Ham stated that one of his witnesses, John J. Duzell, is a traveling salesman, and was unable to be present and he also produced a doctor's certificate showing that Mr. Dickerman, another witness, was unable to be present owing to illness.

Leland T. Johnson

Leland T. Johnson, 24 years of age, residing in Worcester and in the employ of a detective agency in Boston, testified to coming to Lowell on Labor Day. He visited the St. Charles hotel on that day and secured drink without asking for food. He was accompanied by John Buzzell, Mr. Dickerman and another man named Johnson.

"What is your business?" asked Mr. O'Connor.

"Investigator."

"What do you investigate?"

"Civil and criminal cases."

John J. Flaherty, Jr., clerk of the police board, was called to testify as to the license of the hotel, but counsel for the defense admitted that Hugh F. Mellen and Michael J. McGovern, the defendants, are the licensees, and Mr. Flaherty's testimony was dispensed with.

Sergeant Thomas R. Atkinson, of the local liquor squad, testified to visiting the St. Charles hotel on two different occasions on July 4th. Men were seated around the table eating and drinking.

At night, between 9:30 and 10 o'clock, he said, there were 22 men present, six of whom were eating.

Witness testified to visiting the hotel on Sunday the 12th of July and seeing 22 men seated around tables. They were drinking or had drink in front of them and but six of that number were eating. One man entered the hotel, but he was intoxicated and was ordered out.

Lawyer Ham questioned Sergeant Atkinson relative to people drinking on the premises after eleven o'clock and witness cited a case where he and a brother officer had visited the hotel several months ago and as a result of what they saw the licensees were brought into court. Counsel for the defense, however, had witness admit that the defendants at that time were found not guilty and discharged.

The government rested its case at this point.

No defense was put on other than to testify relative to whether or not the defendants had ever before been convicted. Mr. Mullen admitted that during the no-license year, about ten years ago, he paid a fine and that there is an unexpired case now awaiting trial in the superior court. Mr. McGovern said he had never been convicted.

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Adelard and Rose Nolan, charged with illegal keeping of liquor in Bracon, through their counsel pleaded not guilty. Counsel, however, admitted that there was evidence enough in the case of Mr. Nolan to make a prima facie case in the local court and no defense was offered. The court found Nolan guilty and imposed a fine of \$50. He appealed and was held under \$500 bonds for his appearance before the superior court. Mrs. Nolan was found not guilty and discharged.

Merrimac House Case

The case of Eugene H. and Cordelia Vien, licensees of the Merrimac house,

charged with keeping and exposing for sale intoxicating liquors, was continued till Dec. 29 on request of counsel for the defense. Lawyer Guy O. Ham, who appeared for the government, was agreeable to the postponement, owing to the fact that one of the government's witnesses, Dickerman was ill and unable to be present.

Ice skating, Washington park, 10c.

THE COLD WAVE

Descended Upon Lowell During the Night

The old-fashioned Christmas weather landed on Lowell during the still hours of the night and everyone in town found it cold upon arising this morning.

Usually the coldest spot within the city limits is at the Boulevard pumping station, and at this point the thermometer showed 2 degrees below zero during the night and as late as 5 o'clock this morning when it began to rise.

But at Pawtucket square the thermometer dropped from 2 below to 5 below between the hours of 1 and 3 this morning, and that was the coldest thus far heard from. At noon the mercury was still under 20, making conditions fine for the opening of Al Winn's ice rink at Washington park.

Last year they were skating every place, and Winn couldn't complete successfully with the free ponds and fields, but this year every other skating place is covered with snow and Winn rejoiceth much thereat.

There were numerous cases of frozen water pipes throughout the city, and the consumption of water jumped up materially. The temperature, while really colder than yesterday, was not so penetrating by reason of the fact that the air was dry whereas on the day previous it was damp.

GENERAL BELL

Reports Most Urgent Need of Army

WASHINGTON, Dec. 24.—The most urgent need of the army at present is an adequate remedy for the evils resulting from detached service of officers, says Major General Bell, chief of staff, in his annual report, made public today. He also says that the time has arrived when the United States can no longer afford to maintain "an inadequate army for peace needs nor an army with antiquated organization."

According to Gen. Bell, the number of officers on detached service is 5,241. The result is characterized as very disastrous and among other things is given as the first cause for the large number of desertions attending enlisted men. Gen. Bell dwells at length upon the bad effect of young and inexperienced commanders, upon whom responsibility falls in the absence of superior officers.

Gen. Bell says that it is a "disconcerting fact that in case of a sudden outbreak of hostilities with a great class nation, there are not sufficient regular troops in the country even when enforced by the national government of the various states to form an army. After deducting the necessary force to provide a garrison at our permanent posts and the necessary infantry supports for our sea coast fortifications." The infantry arm is referred to as too weak numerically for the service required of it even in time of peace. In proof of this Gen. Bell says that since Jan. 1, 1903, many regiments have spent more than half of their time in a tropical climate, insufficient, no time, therefore, being allowed in the United States for the officers and men to recover from one tour of service abroad before another begins. The cavalry arm is spoken of as an "antiquated organization."

Gen. Bell said that the engineer corps is insufficient, both in the commissioned and enlisted personnel for the duty devolving upon it in time of peace. The scarcity of engineer officers is due chiefly, Gen. Bell says, to increase in river and harbor work, fortifications and the construction of the Panama canal. A compliment is paid to the signal corps for "great developments in scientific warfare."

Gen. Bell says the corps should receive liberal appropriation to enable it to continue its experiments in aerial navigation. The president's physical tests for officers is praised as having produced an increased interest in physical culture and the general care of health among officers. Gen. Bell adds that some test and some physical examination have come to stay as a part of the American military system. Increased pay for officers of reduced rank, Gen. Bell believes, will reduce the number of vacancies in the enlisted force and of obtaining a better list of non-commissioned officers.

Ice skating, Washington park, 10c.

SALOON "CLOSED"

IF THE FRONT DOOR IS CLOSED, SAYS COURT

NEW YORK, Dec. 23.—Saloon keepers in Brooklyn hailed with joy yesterday Police Magistrate Tighe's ruling that when a saloon has its front door closed and locked against public entrance the place is closed in the eyes of the law.

The ruling, if assented to by the other magistrates, means that Greater New York will be "wide open."

The point at issue arose in the cases of three saloons who had been caught by the police selling liquor in the rear rooms of their saloons, entrance to which was had by "back" doors.

Detectives Becker and Green, of the Parkville station, saw men going into Henry Wohlman's place at Gravesend and Church streets. They went in, too, ordered beer and were served.

"Were the kinds you and I the door closed and locked—could you see from the front that no business was going on?" queried the magistrate. The detectives said such was the case.

"Was not strong enough and is therefore dismissed," retorted the magistrate.

The same disposition was made of two other cases of the same sort.

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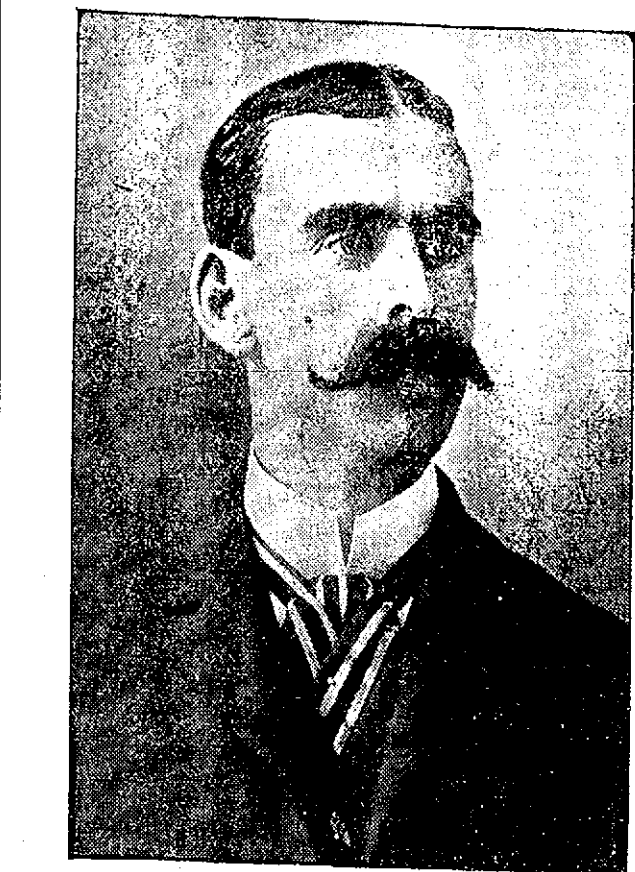
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AGAINST MINER LOT

North Chelmsford Voters Want In the Powder Mills at South Acton This Morning



EX-REP. WILLIAM J. QUIGLEY OF NORTH CHELMSFORD.

To Rescind Action Taken at Former Meeting Relative to Fire House Site for Village

Despite the fact that the weather was intensely cold and that it was practically Christmas eve, between 50 and 60 voters turned out last evening to the meeting of the fire district of North Chelmsford called by Chief Fred Vinal for the purpose of seeing whether or not the fire district would ask the selectmen to call a special meeting to rescind the action of a previous meeting at which it was voted to secure the Miner lot, so-called, for a site for a fire house. The fire commissioners had declined to call this meeting despite a strong sentiment favoring it, and hence Mr. Vinal called it on his own responsibility and the attendance warranted his act.

Mr. Vinal called to order and introduced ex-Rep. Wm. J. Quigley as the presiding officer, while School Committee Geo. H. White acted as secretary.

Those who spoke in favor of the special town meeting against the Miner lot were James Walton, Col. Royal S. Ripley, ex-selectman James P. Dunnigan, Albert Stophard and James Buchanan. While several other lots were discussed, it was believed that the thing to do was to fight their way out.

Sheldon lot in the rear of Small's store offered peculiar advantages, while it could be purchased as cheaply as the Miner lot. The Josselyn lot also offered many advantages, but the price placed it out of the running.

To test the sentiment of the meeting James P. Dunnigan offered a motion that the selectmen be asked to call a special town meeting for the purpose of rescinding the action of the previous town meeting at which the Miner lot was recommended. John E. Harrington, one of the fire commissioners, and Geo. H. White opposed the motion and held out for the Miner lot, but the motion was passed by a vote of 21 to 9, which would indicate that there is considerable opposition to the Miner lot scheme for at the meeting of the fire district, at which the Miner lot was recommended, the vote was 7 in favor and 5 against.

In his remarks Col. Ripley told an interesting story to illustrate the situation, and stated that the fire commissioners had not the village into the hole on the fire house site and the only thing to do was to fight their way out.

CHRISTMAS DAY

How the Holiday Will be Observed in Lowell

Christmas Shopping Has Been Large But Not as Lavish as Last Year's—Chiming Bells Will Usher in the Morning—Other Features of the Holiday

As you are probably aware by this time, tomorrow will be Christmas, and the Sun extends to all its readers a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Long years ago Washington Irving in writing his immortal Christmas sketch placed at the head of the article the following: "Hie and Cry after Christmas."

"But is the good old Christmas gone? No, but the hair of his good, gay old head left? Well, I will have that seeing I cannot have more of him."

And now after generations we find ourselves repeating those words once more in the old Christmas of those now on earth has practically disappeared, while nowadays it is only a very young child who will accept any "goose" about an old bewhiskered gentleman and a prancing team of reindeer and plink his way down a chimney to fill the stockings of the household. The youngster of today makes a tour of the department stores, tells his parents what he wants for presents and doesn't ask any questions

SOUTH ACTON, Dec. 24.—The third explosion within a north at the plant of the American Powder Mills Co. here occurred early today when about 10,000 pounds of powder were discharged from an unknown cause, wrecking the "glaze" mill in which it was stored and damaging surrounding structures. No loss of life resulted. It is estimated that the total damage including the destruction of the building and powder will not exceed \$20,000.

The effects of the shock were experienced within a radius of three miles in the shape of violent rumblings, which caused the breaking of glass windows and brick-work and in some cases ceilings caved in. Boston and other cities and towns more than 20 miles distant reported a shock of ten seconds' duration. This was plainly noticed at the Harvard college observatory in Cambridge where it was recorded at 4.36 a. m.

The past month has been a most disastrous one at the American powder mill plant, two lives being lost in an explosion several weeks ago which also destroyed one of the company's mills and still another mill having been wrecked shortly before that. The loss of life in the second explosion was the first which has been experienced in any of the explosions at the plant within the past sixteen years, although the summer months are usually marked by several ignitions of powder, with accompanying destruction to the mills.

The shock was easily the most terrific of any which had marked recent years at the plant. The powder which was discharged was in the last stages of manufacture, the "glaze" mill being one of the last of the "glaze" a score of buildings through which it is passed before being packed for the market. It was in such a mill that the second explosion occurred, although the quantity of powder discharged was much less.

There was no person known to be in or near the "glaze" mill when the explosion occurred this morning, the night watchman having left there three-quarters of an hour before he was warned of the accident by a deep rumbling and terrific shaking of the earth. As in most cases when explosions have occurred in the powder mills no cause for the discharge of the powder is known. It is supposed, however, that overheated machinery may have heated particles of powder to such an extent that they exploded.

HEARD 40 MILES AWAY
BOSTON, Dec. 24.—The explosion of 10,000 pounds of powder at South Acton today was felt for a distance of at least 40 miles and was the heaviest explosion of its kind since that at Lowell, Mass., on July 24, 1903, when a magazine of the American Cartridge company went up in the air and killed nearly a dozen.

The frozen ground undoubtedly was a contributing factor in making the explosion felt for such a distance and it was a singular fact that the far was felt further in a southeasterly direction than in any other point of the compass.

The explosion was distinctly felt in Scituate, 40 miles southeast from Acton and in fact all over Norfolk and a part of Plymouth counties. It did not seem to be as noticeable to the west and north, although the far was felt in West Haverhill and in southern New Hampshire.

The explosion at Lowell in 1903 was probably much heavier, for its effect was felt more than 50 miles away, despite the soft nature of the surface of the earth at that time, it being midsummer.

It is probable that several million people heard the South Acton explosion and for a few hours during the forenoon every newspaper office in eastern Massachusetts was besieged with inquiries as to its nature.

that has survived the march of progress and the change of tastes is the dear old Christmas without which in days gone by Christmas would not be complete. The Chatterbox of today does not appear to be as great and as interesting an addition to the literature of the day as it did in the days of yore, but that's probably because we now look at it through spectacles instead of the bewitching eyes of early youth.

The storeroom of a university note a volume of trade equal to that of last year but all agree that they are getting as much money, for the shoppers generally are purchasing cheaper gifts than formerly. This is not to be wondered at when one recalls the industrial and financial depressions of the year about to close. It is the very tendency of poor human nature to loosen its purse strings and "blow itself" right merrily at Christmas time and undoubtedly it is this year, but the purchasing power is curtailed and hence the value of the gifts reduced. But then who would ever think of considering the intrinsic value of a gift at Christmas? Even the poor man whose wife has bought him a box of "Wishbone" cigars, in a dry goods store manfully remarks "How fragrant," as he bravely takes his life into his own hands and attempts to smoke one of them in her presence.

Christmas will be ushered in at midnight tonight by the chiming of St. Anne's and St. Patrick's which will ring a welcome in Christmas carols for an hour. The last shopper will hardly have made his last purchase when the bells will ring, for despite the fact that the storekeepers this year by early and extra advertising attempt to coax the public into shopping before the 11th hour, one will see hundreds tonight hurrying hither and thither to buy their belated gifts ere the stores close. The 11th hour rush started about 9 o'clock this morning, and was going full speed at noon. With the closing of the mills tonight another rush will come and the lights are out in all the stores along the streets.

The Unity club will hold an old-fashioned Christmas eve jollification tonight at which many of the good old English customs of the yuletide will be carried out. A party of English carols may be heard again at midnight, weather permitting, as they were last year.

The church services will begin in the Catholic churches as early as 5:30 o'clock in some of the churches, the midnight mass of the Catholic countries not being in vogue in this country. There will be Catholic and Episcopal church services all morning and vespers in the evening while during the afternoon the Y. M. C. I. of Belvidere will hold its annual Old Home day at which a Christmas tree will be the principal attraction.

The Academy of Music and all of the picture theatres will hold additional performances, the Academy performances opening at 1 o'clock and continuing until 5:30, while the cinema performances will run from 5:30 until 10:30.

The Hathaway theatre with a special Christmas week bill will have its usual performances, while at the Opera house the French stock company with two Lowell favorites, Miss Jane Tyrrell and Miss Sadie Radcliffe, in the cast, will give performances afternoon and evening.

There is nothing special in the athletic line in town tomorrow, though many Lowell sports will go to Lawrence in the afternoon to the boxing at the University of that city.

The Salvation Army succeeded in disposing of 200 baskets of food and "goodies" to as many poor families and is deeply grateful to all who in any way assisted. O'Connell hall in St. Patrick's boys' school was filled last evening with an array of food, clothing and toys sent to the Ladies' Charity of that parish, for the poor. There had been a barrel and a barrel of toys, and the different orphanages were well remembered and Christmas trees will be enjoyed in all of them tomorrow.

In all the homes of the city the day will be one of feasting and good cheer for the Christmas spirit permeates the air and everyone has caught it.

THE WINNER OF THE TALBOT FLYER
John Galvin, a parole man from the state farm, was in police court today and will be returned to that institution in time to partake of the Christmas dinner which is provided by the state.

William Wallace, a second offender, was fined \$6, there was one first offender who was fined \$3 and a simple drunk was released without appearing in court.

Ice skating, Washington park, 10c.

AN EMBASSY
PEKING, Dec. 24.—The foreign board has received a cablegram from Tang Shao Yi at Washington, saying that the Washington government has responded favorably to the proposal made by China to raise the Chinese legation at Washington to the rank of an embassy.

It is believed here that the reform of the foreign board of the empire and the existing court practices, together with the adoption of a reformed code, the inauguration of courts of law, the establishment of an improved financial system and the abolishment of the existing system of extraterritoriality will tend to influence the powers toward accepting proposals to raise the rank of China's diplomatic representatives.

OPERATIVES GET DIVIDEND
FALL RIVER, Dec. 24.—The thirty-eighth semi-annual profit sharing dividend was paid today to the operatives employed at the Bourne mills. It amounted to 2 1/2 per cent. of the wages earned by them during the past six months. Announcement was made that the profit sharing plan would be continued for another six months.

CITY OF LOWELL
No. 41A. December 24, 1908.
Notice is hereby given under Chapter 109 of the Revised Laws, that William S. Grady, Annie E. Grady, W. S. Grady & Co., have applied for a transfer of a license to sell intoxicating liquors, of the first class as common victuallers from No. 145 Worthen street in five rooms on the first floor and cellar, to 140 Worthen street, in seven rooms on first floor and cellar.

By order of the Board of Police,
JOHN J. FLAHERTY, JR., Clerk.

CITY OF LOWELL
No. 44B. December 24, 1908.
Notice is hereby given under Chapter 109 of the Revised Laws, that William S. Grady, Annie E. Grady, W. S. Grady & Co., have applied for a transfer of a license to sell intoxicating liquors, of the fourth class, as retail dealer from No. 140 Worthen street, in five rooms on the first floor and cellar, to 140 Worthen street, in seven rooms on first floor and cellar.

By order of the Board of Police,
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SHOOTING OF JONES THE PRESIDENT

Young Krantz Said to Have Confessed to It

WORCESTER, Dec. 24.—The mystery of the death by shooting of Francis E. Jones, the 18-year-old boy, on the ice of Half Moon pond at Shrewsbury, Monday, is believed to have been cleared up by the alleged confession last night of Ralph William Krantz, a 14-year-old boy, living at 31 Carroll street, Worcester. According to the story said to have been told to Officers Arthur F. Roach and Robert E. Mott, Krantz picked a quarrel with Jones and shot him. Krantz, upon the completion of his alleged confession, which was said to have been made to the officers while the lad was in bed at his home, was arrested and locked up on a charge of murder.

The arrest of Young Krantz was brought about through his telling another boy that he had picked up a revolver near "the lake" yesterday. The Lake Quinsigamond. As Jones' revolver was missing, this man told the story to the state police, with the result that Officers Roach and Mott went to Krantz's home last night. Krantz was in bed, but the officers gained admittance to his room, went up the ladder and sat down by his bedside and asked him about the revolver and the shooting of Jones. At first, it is said, Krantz asserted that he had found the revolver and denied all knowledge of the shooting. He said that he had spent Monday at Mud pond, four and a half miles from where the crime was committed.

From facts that the officers had discovered in tracing footprints leading from Half Moon pond where Jones' body was found yesterday, the officers, it is said, told Krantz what clothes he had worn, and reminded him that he had stopped at a farmhouse in the vicinity of the pond where he had asked for some paper and string to do up a string of four fish that he carried. When they mentioned the hunting boots worn by Krantz that day he showed the officers the ones he wore. They were three or four sizes too large for him. He said that they belonged to his brother but that he had worn them on his excursion, Monday.

Finally, it is alleged, Krantz broke down and told the officers his story. According to his alleged statement, Krantz left his home Monday on a hunting trip carrying a shot gun. On Half Moon pond he saw Jones fishing through the ice and went up to speak to him. Krantz had expressed a wish to own a revolver and as Jones had one with him at the time he showed it to Krantz, explaining how it was worked and demonstrating its use. Shortly after this Krantz left Jones and walked away 20 or 30 yards and then came back. Picking a quarrel with Jones, Krantz, according to his alleged confession, leveled his shot gun at Jones' head and discharged it, the shot striking the young fisherman in the head and killing him. Krantz then picked up the revolver, the fish Jones had caught and the basket he had taken with him on his trip. The basket Krantz later threw away, but he placed the revolver in his pocket and carried the fish to a farmhouse where he asked for paper and string with which to do them up.

It is claimed that the story Krantz is alleged to have told of his movements on Monday tallies with those traced by the officers. They had followed his footprints about the ice, and away from the pond to the farmhouse and from there to the electric car line where they were lost.

Krantz is the son of Gustaf A. Krantz, who is now in Sweden, and lived with his mother at their Carroll street home.

The body of young Jones was found Tuesday afternoon beside a fishing hole on Half Moon pond by Dr. Wm. E. Taft of Worcester and Elmer Hill of Lakewood. There was a gunshot wound on the left side of the head. The officers, however, were unable to find any clue to the supposed murder. It was known that there had been several fishing parties on the pond at about the time Jones met his death and tracks about the pond were followed without any tangible result, until it was learned last night that young Krantz had told of picking up a revolver near the scene of the shooting.

Sends Message to Boys of America

WASHINGTON, Dec. 24.—President Roosevelt's message to the boys of America, in response to the request of 1500 Y. M. C. A. boys, who made the run from New York to Washington, begun Nov. 21 and ended Nov. 22, was made public yesterday. It is addressed to Gordon Leech of this city, the last runner, who placed the tube containing the letter in the president's hand, and who received from the president a photograph of himself suitably inscribed.

The president's message follows: "At the moment when the last of your runners handed me your message, the French ambassador was with me and spoke to me of a medal struck in Paris almost two centuries ago, when that city was visited by Peter the Great, the first Russian sovereign to try to bring his country into touch with the civilized world. The ambassador suggested its presentation to the boys who bore in our message wires Aquilunt Bundo! (by going they gained strength).

"I think it applies equally to boys in their after life. They have gained strength as they ran. In like manner during their life they will gain strength as they do their work. I am a thorough believer in athletics as long as we remember that athletic exercises are a means to an end and that damage comes if we mistake the means for the end. We cannot afford to do without hardy and vigorous bodies, but when we come to the serious work of the world we must make these hardy bodies our servants and not our masters. The body grows harder by exercise. Just so, boys, in your after life you will grow constantly fitter to do your work by the very fact of doing it. You will gain strength by going. The more you train yourselves by work the better able you will be to do that work."

PRINCETON MAN

WON FINAL HONORS IN CHESS TOURNAMENT

NEW YORK, Dec. 24.—Although beaten in the final round by Harvard, Princeton's chess players carried off final honors in the seventeenth annual chess tournament with Columbia, Yale, and Harvard which has been in progress here for the past three days. Starting the last day of play with a lead of two points over Harvard, the next university in standing, Princeton scored 1 1/2 points in her match with Harvard against 2 1/2 for the Cambridge players and at the end of the tournament had seven and a half points to her credit. Harvard's six and a half, Columbia defeated Yale by 2 1/2 to 1 1/2 in today's match and the Blue and White finished third, with 5 1/2 points, one below Harvard's mark. Yale was fourth, with one point less than Columbia, scoring 4 1/2 points. The scores show the tournament to have been the closest in the history of the series.

Captain L. V. Stephens of Princeton again won his game at the top board and shared with W. W. Parsley of Harvard, the distinction of placing all of his games to the credit of his university. Parsley, however, played throughout at the third board, whereas Stephens had the strongest players on the opposing teams to contend against. The other three members of the winning team were J. W. Alexander, J. L. Tiemann, and H. R. Feger.

In addition to winning the inter-collegiate cup, which Columbia had won the past two years, the Princeton players each received the usual silver medals provided by the Alumni.

FOUR MONTHS

FOR WOMAN ACCUSED OF SHOP-LIFTING

BOSTON, Dec. 24.—Five women, three young girls and one man, were in court yesterday, charged with shoplifting.

Mrs. Lillian Wright, who said she lives on Bedford street, Charlestown, implicated her child in her case. She said she had two more children at home. Mrs. Laparstrom, the detective who caused the woman's arrest, said she had a child with her, and that both had been into which the woman dropped Teddy bears and children's underwear. When she got out into the street she changed the goods over from the child's bag into her own.

The woman pleaded hard to be let off, but Judge Ely sentenced her to four months in the house of correction. The woman wrung her hands and asked what could be done and what would become of her children. Clerk Brown said she had the right to appeal, and she did so, and was held in \$400.

BARN BURNED

FIRE IN MANCHESTER CAUSED \$700 LOSS

WINCHESTER, Dec. 24.—A barn on High street, in the west side, owned by Mrs. Julia Dudley of Boston and used by Mrs. Thomas Bredau, was burned last night and about 50 hens perished.

The barn was situated on a hill and lit up the sky so that the reflection was seen for several miles. This gave rise to a rumor that a large estate nearby was on fire, and a number of persons went to the scene.

Mrs. Bredau was in the barn early last night with a lighted lantern, which was accidentally overturned. The lantern exploded and set fire to some hay. The blaze spread so rapidly that the firemen were unable to do anything when they arrived. Hay which belonged to Charles H. Herrick was also burned. The fire caused a loss of about \$700.

BOY KILLED

HE RAN IN FRONT OF AN ENGINE

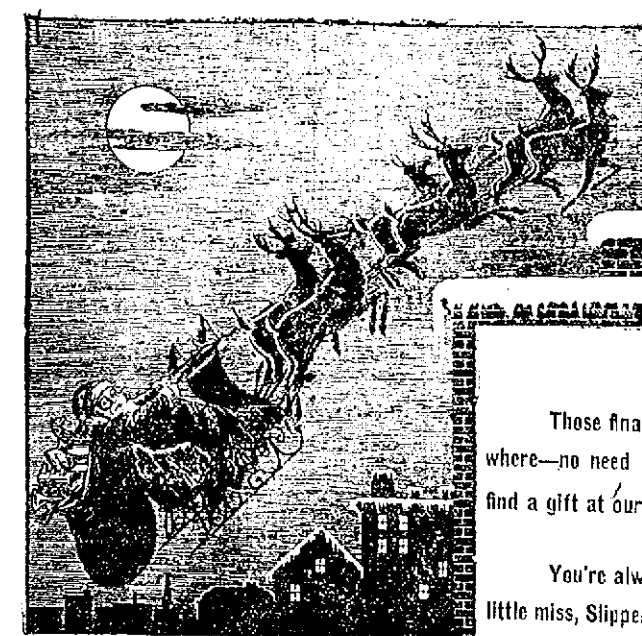
LACONIA, N. H., Dec. 24.—While playing with other boys in the station yard, Arthur Rivers, aged 14, ran in front of a moving locomotive and was killed. He was a son of John Rivers, who is a molder in the employ of the Laconia Car Co.

NO LICENSE WON

NEWBURYPORT, Dec. 24.—The meagre majority of votes for no license at the recent municipal election was increased to 18 by the recount which was ended last night. Benner and Porter (L. Dodge of Boston represented the liquor interests, and Boyd Jones, former United States district attorney, the "dry" adherents. The revised vote is now: No. 1452, yes, 1436, compared with: No. 1423, yes, 1427.

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You're always sure of Handkerchiefs, Umbrellas, Gloves and Books, a Doll if it's a little miss, Slippers, Neckwear, Hosiery, Calendar, or for the housewife Pretty China.

Aprons

Ladies' White Lawn Brelette Aprons, with and without Hamburg trimming, for 50c, 75c, \$1, \$1.25 and \$1.50.

Extra large Lawn Aprons, 25c, 50c.

Tea Aprons, Hamburg and lace trimmed, 50c, 75c, \$1.00.

Tea Aprons, round with ruffle for 25c.

East Section, Centre Aisle

Hose Supporters

Ladies' Shirred Ribbon Hose Supporters in fancy boxes, 25c to \$1.50.

Baby's Shirred Ribbon Hose Supporters, in dainty boxes, 25c.

Needle Cases from 25c to \$1.

Tomato Pin Cushions, 19c and 25c.

West Section, Left Aisle

Waist Patterns

For the feminine folks. All colors and white, over 150 designs to choose from. Full size, each packed in a pretty fancy box.

39c to \$5.00

Palmer St., Centre Aisle

Mission Clocks

Only 98c Each

Guaranteed timekeeper, 12 inches high, with brass dial, black hands and numerals, set in solid oak, mission frame, with 3 minute alarm, a \$2 clock, only 98c

East Section, Second Floor

In Toydom

TODAY YOU'LL FIND MANY PRICE REDUCTIONS IN TOYS OF ALL SORTS, GAMES, ETC.

SUICIDE PACT

Boy and a Girl Had Agreed to Die

BELLE VERNON, Pa., Dec. 24—

The lifeless body of Sarah Thares, aged 15 years, and Henry Taggart, aged 17 years, both colored, were found early yesterday near the reservoir of the Belle Vernon Water company. The girl had a bullet hole in her left temple and the boy had a bullet hole in his right temple. It was a case of a boy and girl lover and a double suicide following a suicide pact.

The boy was the son of Rev. Thomas Taggart, pastor of the A. M. E. church here, and the mother of the girl is Mrs. Mary Thares, a resident of Belle Vernon. The girl was a member of Belle Vernon high school and was at the head of her class. The young couple had been missing since Sunday evening. That it was a suicide pact was shown by the following written letter by young Taggart and left where it could be found:

"My Dear Parents—I have tried in every way to keep from bringing sorrow to your hearts but I cannot stand what I have endured any longer. Many a time I went or came from school with a broken heart. Every one of you could have treated me better than you did. You sould me at times when I did not need it. You kept after me telling me it was time I was thinking about what I was going to do in life. I never thought of anything for I had this in mind ever since I made up my mind to die."

"If we would have had to move at a conference time this would have been done then. You say and others say that children do not know what love is but I know and God knows that I love Sarah. We made up our minds that we would never part as long as we live. She did not shoot me. She shot herself. Then I took the gun and shot myself."

"I loved her and did not want to part with her, and that is why we done it. Do not grieve or worry over us, for we are at rest. If we did not care, you need not care. You will have to answer for what you done on the judgment day and so will I. Please bury me beside Sarah. Have the funeral services at the same time."

"Your heartbroken son Harry."

The sealed letter to Mrs. Thares, mother of Sarah, written in pen and ink, similar to that written by Harry, read as follows:

"Dear Mother—They have tried to part us and we have decided to die. I am to shoot myself and then give the gun to Harry, and he is to shoot himself."

Sarah."

Ice skating, Washington park, 16c.

HOMING CLUB

MET LAST NIGHT AND ELECTED OFFICERS

At a meeting of the Centralville Homing club the following officers were elected for the ensuing year:

President, H. Stowell; Vice president, G. Desrosiers; treasurer and secretary, J. K. Proctor; race committee, Eugene Souard; G. Desrosiers, J. K. Proctor; corresponding secretary, E. Souard.

After the election was over, the distribution of diplomas took place. They were awarded as follows:

Old birds—race—100 miles, first, Ed. Wallers; second, J. K. Proctor; third, Ed. Wallers; second, J. K. Proctor; third, J. K. Proctor; Young birds—100 miles, first, J. K. Proctor; second, J. K. Proctor; third, J. K. Proctor.

KILLED HIMSELF

AFTER RETURNING HOME WITH CHRISTMAS GIFTS

LENOX, Dec. 24.—A short time after he had returned home with his Christmas gifts, a young man, J. K. Proctor, shot himself in the head, last night. No cause is known for the act.

TURKEY RAFFLE

There was a raffle for a turkey at the Princess club last night. A duck, ten pound bird being hung up for the lucky man. Henry Androla with No. 225 carried off the prize.

MR. O'SULLIVAN

For Chairman of Dem. State Committee

Under the head "O'Sullivan for chairman," this week's issue of Practical Politics contains the following article of local interest:

"While several names have been suggested for chairman of the new democratic state committee until this week none that was considered satisfactory had been put forward. Senator Valley it was said would be satisfied with Ex-Sen. Fred J. McLeod of Cambridge; Josiah Quincy was looking for Harry Frothingham, formerly of Charlestown, but in recent years of ward 11; James Donohay and his friends were said to favor John F. Meaney, of Blackstone, chairman of the executive committee of this year's committee. But Mr. McLeod was never very warm towards the chairmanship. Harry Frothingham would fit about as well as chairman of the democratic state committee as would that other former Charlestown citizen, Jeremiah J. McCarthy, as chairman of the republican state committee, and as for Mr. Meaney—James Donohay and his friends were said to favor John F. Meaney, of Blackstone, chairman of the executive committee of this year's committee. But Mr. McLeod was never very warm towards the chairmanship. 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MERRY CHRISTMAS TO ALL.

In spite of the business depression through which our city in common with others has passed, there is every prospect that the good cheer of the Christmas festival will enter every home and every heart in our city. That it will be enjoyed to the fullest extent by all is our sincere hope, and, therefore, in the spirit of the day we wish all a merry, merry Christmas.

NO SANTA CLAUS DELIVERIES.

The postoffice department has changed its policy in regard to the distribution of letters addressed to Santa Claus. They will all be sent to the dead letter office and that will be the end of them. Last year the post-offices of the country sent them out to institutions or people who it was supposed might reply to the letters granting the requests of the writers. It was found that this practice offered opportunities for fraud and dishonesty and that it was not in the interest of genuine charity.

CANAL ENGINEERING QUESTIONED.

Since the French engineer, Buena Varilla, announced that the engineering plans covering what is known as the Gatun dam in the Panama canal are defective and calculated to lead to disaster, the government has begun to investigate, and it is safe to say that work on the lines laid down will be suspended, pending the visit of President Taft to the peninsula. He will make a thorough investigation and he will not assume to know quite so much as did his predecessor about matters that only a skilled engineer can determine. What is wanted apparently to ensure the success of the canal undertaking is an engineer such as the late James B. Francis of Lowell, but there is none such in the country.

APPOINTMENT OF LICENSE COMMISSIONERS.

The appointment of police or license commissioners has been the bête noir of our municipal politics for years. We have tried hard to take the liquor business out of politics but without success.

As we have stated before, we believe it would bring about a vast improvement upon present conditions to have the license commissioners appointed by the governor. This change would be met with the objection that it would be a violation of the principle of home rule. No doubt it would, but even so. We must confess that so far as the liquor bugaboo is concerned we have failed to keep it from dominating our politics in one way or another.

So long as the appointment of a liquor license commissioner is left in the hands of the mayor just so long will the liquor interests be drawn into politics to elect a mayor in sympathy with their business.

Were this liquor influence taken completely out of politics we should have better municipal government and the business would be better conducted than it is at present. There would also be more security for the men in the business and less opportunity for blackmail of one kind or another under the guise of affording protection. But it is not their interests but the good of the city that is to be made the paramount consideration. This matter is of vital importance, and now that we are considering the changes in the city charter or the adoption of an entirely new charter it is an opportune time to settle upon a definite policy for the future government of our city.

We do not mean, however, that the control of our police department should pass out of our hands. The police power and license granting power must be absolutely divorced.

BEWARE OF THE DEADLOCK CHARTER.

The city charter that has any provision likely to result in deadlocks is defective. In this respect the Haverhill charter will prove a disappointment and a handicap to the prompt transaction of the city's business. The defect thus far apparent is the provision under which the mayor's appointments are subject to confirmation by the aldermen. Candidates who cannot secure appointment by the mayor will endeavor to prevent the confirmation of the man he appoints. Here is the bone of contention, the fatal defect in the charter. None of the old charters has a worse defect than that which causes a deadlock under which the city's business is tied up. In other respects the new charter adopted by the city of Haverhill is supposed to be greatly superior to that which it superseded.

Here, then, is a lesson for every city contemplating the adoption of a new charter and particularly for the city of Lowell. No charter should be adopted which would embody the Haverhill blunder of having the mayor's appointments subject to confirmation by the aldermen. The log-rolling and political wire pulling that was brought about in Haverhill to secure confirmation of one appointee or to prevent the confirmation of another was enough to disgust anybody with the whole arrangement. The mayor being the responsible executive of the city can never enforce his authority if his orders or appointments are subject to any holdup by any co-ordinate or subordinate body.

It has been proposed to enact a general charter for municipalities to embody what is considered the best plan for governing Massachusetts cities. Such a charter would provide for non-partisanship in the selection of candidates and for the concentration of responsibility in an executive head. The aim is to "put all the eggs in one basket and then watch the basket."

Haverhill and the city of Gloucester have already adopted charters after the Des Moines pattern and Lowell, Salem and other cities are considering the adoption of charters somewhat similar.

It is quite likely that the incoming legislature will adopt a punitive statute authorizing cities accepting the act to adopt that form of administration. The uniformity of charter in a number of cities would offer advantages for comparison of results. It would be well for the city of Lowell perhaps to have a draft of its new charter ready for submission to the legislature early in the session so that if any general charter be submitted it may include many of the features proposed by the Lowell charter.

SEEN AND HEARD

While passing along Bridge street this morning I overheard two youngsters discussing a sign that hung outside a provision dealer's store. The sign read: "Poultry, turkeys, 25 cents per pound." "Say, Chimmie, wot's de difference between a fancy turkey and a plain turkey?" asked the smaller boy as he read the sign. "Traps it's got more white meat on it," was Chimmie's prompt reply.

"Talk about raids," said Supt. Moffatt in remembrance of yesterday. "It's a wonder I have my knees left." The late Capt. Kew and myself used to be in demand at all raids for we had a knack of breaking down doors that made us famous. We'd get hold of the lock or knob and then burst in the par of the door with our knees and many a time have I had a lame knee the next day from trying to break in a particularly strong door. Of all raids there was more fun at a Chinese raid for you'd find them holding in barrels, under clothes baskets, up chimneys, and in fact in the smallest possible holes and if you let one of them out of sight for a moment you couldn't tell him from the others who had got in the crowd. But it was the Chinese who fooled Capt. Kew and myself beautifully one night when we went over to raid a place in Bridge street. We both went at the door like a couple of heroes, but it wouldn't budge. We kept at it until we were well high exhausted. Then we applied an axe and upon beating down the woodwork we found in why the door had put our knees to the test. Behind that door were three iron bars running vertically from the floor to the ceiling. We had actually bent those bars out of their sockets and the skin was left hanging in some under-thugs we got the door broken down the occupants had escaped by some underground passage. The Chinese are averse to gambling in any place that has not one or more private exits.

DREAMLAND CHIMES

Christmas bells may ring as clear In the land where your child doth roam, But never a note will seem half so sweet As chimes I have heard at home.

In dreams again I seem to hear Those tones so dear to me: Watted by angels of slumber From my home far o'er the sea.

Back again mid childhood scenes My wandering soul must stray, I awake alas, it was but a dream, Home and mother are far away.

Written by Charles A. Littlefield for a friend whose relatives are in Ireland.

Ice skating, Washington park, 10c.

GRANITEVILLE

A well attended meeting of Cameron circle, Companions of the Forest of America, was held Tuesday night and the following officers elected: Chief companion, Mrs. Bridget Healy; sub chief, Miss Dora LeDuc; treasurer, Mrs. Julia E. Wall; financial secretary, Mrs. Hannah E. Harrington; recording secretary, Miss Lena J. Healy; right guide, Miss Mary J. Sullivan; left guide, Miss Flora Stuart; inside guard, Miss Angela Mattson; outside guard, Theresa Marchione; trustee, Miss Annie Healy; circle physician, Dr. W. H. Sherman of Graniteville. All of the above named officers will be duly installed by the degree team from the Ayer circle of Ayer on the first regular meeting next month which will be on Jan. 12th. A short entertainment will follow the regular order of business on this occasion.

COTTON FUTURES

NEW YORK, Dec. 24.—Cotton futures opened steady. Dec. 24; Jan. 5.65; Feb. 5.70 bid; March 5.75; April 5.80; May 5.85; June 5.90; July 5.95; Aug. 5.75 bid; Sept. 5.80; Oct. 5.85.

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CHRIST'S NATIVITY

The Crib as Represented in the Catholic Churches

The pilgrimage to the different churches to visit the "crib" is one of the beautiful customs practised by Catholics at Christmas tide and in nearly every Lowell church of that faith the scene of the nativity in Bethlehem is portrayed by a representation of the crib. Although the necessary figures of the crib are similar wherever the devotion is practised the decorations, details of arrangement and accessories are different in nearly every church. There are elaborate structures in many of the Lowell churches, notably those in charge of the oblate fathers and in others there are humble suggestions of the Redeemer's birthplace. The essentials, a representation of the stable in Bethlehem and the manger surroundings which tradition associates with it are made more impressive by the figures that recall the persons and domestic animals mentioned in the stories of the nativity. In the foreground, on the crib, no matter how costly the setting, there is a figure which represents the Lord as a babe wrapped in swaddling clothes on a pallet of straw. Figures at either side of the crib remind one of Mary, the infant's mother, and St. Joseph, his foster father, kneeling in adoration. Others in kneeling positions represent the shepherds. A short distance from the crib there are three figures supposed to be journeying to the crib. These are the three wise men of the East, each of whom saw the prophetic star in his own distant kingdom. The pilgrims are laden with gold, frankincense, and myrrh, gifts for the new born king. Groups of miniature buildings and roadways recall the villages in the neighborhood of Bethlehem, and make the portrayal more realistic. Life size statues are used when there are so many picturesque accessories. The devotion to the crib is so extensive that small cribs for use in the homes are an important branch of the Christmas trade of dealers in religious articles. The crib is erected in many Lowell Catholic homes as the altar is at other seasons.

Today being the vigil of Christmas is a fast day of obligation, and tomorrow—Christmas day—is a holy day of obligation. The Gospel for Christmas is taken from St. Luke II, 1-14. The epistle from Titus II, 11-15. The gospel concerns the birth of the savior.

Christmas is a holy day of obligation therefore all Catholics are obliged to attend mass on that day. The regular Christmas collection will be taken up on Christmas day at all the masses in all of the Catholic churches of Lowell.

The parochial schools are closed for the holidays. Contributions have come in quite liberally in aid of the settlement work in the Belvidere parish. Right Rev. Alexander MacDonald, D. D., well known in Lowell, is now on his way to Rome to be consecrated as bishop of Victoria. Before his departure from Boston, Dr. MacDonald was tendered a farewell banquet at the Parker house and was made the recipient of a purse of gold. He is accompanied on his trip to Rome by the Rev. Fr. Charles Chisholm.

The apostle of temperance, the Rev. Francis J. Butler of St. Leo's church, Dorchester, celebrated his 25th anniversary.

The progressive whist tournament held under the auspices of the Father Mathew Total Abstinence society came to a close last night. There were 12 turkeys for prizes and the prize winners were as follows:

First Hannon, 248; M. Shalloo, 247; D. J. Mahoney, 244; W. Costello, 222; Ed. Riley, 220; A. Smith, 220; John Smith, 219; F. Brown, 218; E. C. Towle, 218; D. Fitzpatrick, 217; H. E. Hayden, 216; P. Shalloo, 203. Others who participated in the tournament were J. J. Campbell, 207; William Kerslaw, 206; W. Phair, 201; E. Mahoney, 201; Charles Ennis, 193; T. E. Sheridan, 192; Owen Flynn, 191; J. E. Barton, 189; P. J. McCarthy, 182; J. McNulty, 182; J. P. Higgins, 181; Charles Curran, 181; J. R. Conway, 178; J. O'Toole, 181; George Hughes, 178; Charles Nugent, 170; W. Monahan, 159; James A. Higgins, 158; W. Flynn, 157; P. Mahoney, 167; P. Casey, 154; J. Bradley, 155; A. Phair, 149; J. P. Meaney, 152.

The regular meeting of North Billeca council, Royal Arcanum, was held last night, the principal business being the body being the election of officers for the ensuing term. The following officers were chosen: Representative to the grand council, Neil B. Mahoney; alternate, John Hughes; agent, Neil B. Mahoney; vice agent, John E. Nelson; orator, William Costello; past regent, John Hughes; secretary, James A. Rath; collector, James H. Gannon; treasurer, Joseph P. Meaney; chaplain, Joseph Brown; guide, Patrick Kennedy; warden, Edward Garner; sentry, Charles Crowley; trustee for three years, William Hannon. Installation of officers takes place Wednesday evening, Jan. 25, 1909.

POSTAL NOTES

Information regarding new series of stamps

According to a decision received from the postoffice department at Washington it is illegal to send invitations

OPEN EVENINGS

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- 2 FINE BROADCLOTH COATS, choice Eastern mink lining, natural otter collar and facing, were \$150..... \$110

FUR COATS—Fur Outside ALL MARKED DOWN

- ONE HANDSOME NORTHERN RACCOON COAT, was \$80..... \$45
- 2 GALWAY CALF COATS, Nutria collar, were \$30..... \$25
- 2 CHINESE BLACK DOG COATS, muskrat collars, were \$28..... \$22
- 2 CHINESE BLACK DOG COATS with Wombat collars, were \$25..... \$20
- ONE CHINESE BLACK DOG COAT, one Black Moha, was \$20..... \$15



Men's House Coats A FEW LOTS MARKED DOWN

- A Small Lot Men's House Coats, reversible cloth, fancy plaid back, were \$5.00, now marked..... \$3.75
- One Matelasse Silk House Coat, was \$12, now..... \$5.00
- Twenty Handsome House Coats, all brand new styles—several colors, were \$8.00, now..... \$5.50
- Six Rich House Coats, were \$12, now..... \$10

through the mails to bridge parties or to any card parties where an admission is charged. A conscientious Hartford, Conn., gentleman has been reading in the papers about card parties at which prizes were awarded and where money had been won and lost at bridge. He wrote to the postmaster-general and received a reply from E. P. Goodwin, assistant attorney-general, saying that card parties are regarded as lotteries when prizes are given and in that event matter relating to them is unlawful.

Books containing the new two-cent postage stamps have been placed on sale. Like all the denominations of the new series of 1908, with the exception of the one-cent and two-cent stamps, the new books of the two-cent stamps are in profile from the front of the head. The head is in an ellipse on end, with laurel leaves on either side of the ellipse. Above the head are the words "U. S. POSTAGE"; below it is the denomination. The size and shape of the stamps are as the series of 1902.

The two-cent stamps in sheets and other denominations will be issued as soon as they are printed. The department at Washington will continue to send the old designs until the supply is exhausted or depleted, requisitions calling for "1908 series" will be filled in whole or in part with stamps of the old design.

When the present supply of 42 and 53 stamps is exhausted these denominations will be discontinued. The stamps also on sale at some of the offices.

It has been found that the method of placing stamps to the value of ten cents upon mail matter and marking across the stamps "special delivery" has not worked successfully. A great many complaints have been registered with the postmaster because of mail so stamped not reaching its destination by special delivery. This was due to the handling of the mail by postoffice employees who failed to observe the marking. In many instances the writing of "special delivery" was indistinct and mail matter went through with the ordinary stamped mail. The method has not been discontinued, but more assurance of quick delivery comes with the use of the regular special delivery stamp.

The new stamps will be discontinued very soon and for a peculiar reason. There are no numerals on them. This works to a disadvantage, because the foreigners who cannot read the English language always learn numerals first—in order that they may not be fooled in money transactions. There being no numerals on the new stamps, Uncle Sam must make new ones, for the foreigners on these shores must have the same advantage as the Americans to the manor born.

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TYPHOID FEVER

Was Contracted From Eating Oysters

BOSTON, Dec. 24.—Typhoid fever, believed to have been incurred from eating oysters served at a dinner in which her classmates participated, led to the death yesterday of Miss Gertrude Bent, president of the senior class of Smith College, at the home of her parents at 75 Ashford street, in Allston.

Miss Bent was the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James Bent, and was not only popular with her classmates, but was both beautiful and accomplished. She was regarded as the best violinist in the college, and the Christmas holiday season brought sorrow into the hearts of the students and members of the faculty when the news of her death was received.

ANNUAL BANQUET

OF ST. PATRICK'S BOYS' ACADEMY ALUMNI

Preparations are practically complete for the first banquet and reunion of all the former students of St. Patrick's Boys' academy, to be held next Wednesday evening, Dec. 30, in the school hall at 730. Prior to the banquet a reunion of all the students will be held in the different class rooms and a reception held by the Xaverian Brothers. Many of the latter will be present from out of town, and it is expected that Rev. Bro. Angelus will attend. The banquet will be held in the school hall.

The after-dinner exercises will be opened by President Joseph A. O'Brien, 1900, the alumni, who will introduce James E. O'Donnell, Esq., '92, as guest-master. Then will follow addresses by different members of the alumni and these will be varied by a pleasing musical program. Rev. Dennis F. Murphy, '92, will speak on "The Future of the Parochial School." Rev. Bro. Edmund on "Catholic Education." Thomas J. Mulligan, '88, on "Founders and Early History of the School." Rev. William O'Brien, P. R., will attend and will deliver a short address.

LOWELL OPERA HOUSE

The Fenberg Stock Co. will be at the opera house two days commencing Christmas day, Dec. 25th, presenting four of its best plays during that one Christmas matinee with "At Pine Ridge," and at night the western drama, "The King and Queen of Gamblers." The play is a romance of the western world, interspersed by numerous sensational incidents and garnished with a liberal supply of wholesome comedy. Mr. Fenberg, the author of the play has left the beaten path of play writing and created an entirely new brand of melodrama, one which combines all the awe-inspiring, climaxes with absolute feasibility. The play is done by placing the action of his play in the west of the early days, when everyone went armed and prepared to protect himself and home by his individual efforts. The result is exceedingly satisfactory and it is assuredly a relief to find a melodrama. Fenberg's company is a large one, and is composed of eminent players, while the settings of the different plays are excellent.

"THE MERRY WIDOW"

Mr. Henry W. Savage's charming production of the Italian Venetian opera, "The Merry Widow," Tremont theatre, has taken Boston by storm, and is breaking all past records. By theatrical statisticians who deal in box office traditions, "The Merry Widow" is said to be the biggest hit in stage history, and judging from the production of the piece throughout the world, their statement undoubtedly is correct.

In the three short years of existence "The Merry Widow" has been produced in over 300 European cities, while at most every civilized country in the world has enjoyed the seductive melody of Franz Lehár's score. Some of the titles under which the piece has been shown in different countries are contained in the following synopsis list:

"The Merry Widow," English, (produced in England and America.)
"Die Lustige Witwe," German, (produced in Vienna and Berlin and numerous other cities in Austria and Germany.)
"Den Glade Enke," Danish, (produced in Copenhagen.)
"La Vedova Allegro," Italian, (produced in Palermo and other cities of Italy.)
"Vesela Vdovicka," Bohemian, (produced in Prague.)
"Wesela Wdowska," Polish, (produced in Warsaw.)
"Den Glada Enkan," Swedish, (produced in Stockholm.)
"La Vedova Allegro," Norwegian, (produced in Christiania.)
"A Vig Ozevgy," Hungarian, (produced in Budapest.)
"Vesela Vdovicka," Croatian, (produced in Zagreb.)
"La Vedova Allegro," French, (produced in Brussels.)

"THE SHOEMAKER"

Low Welch, the versatile character actor, will be seen in a play entitled "The Shoemaker," especially written for him by Hal Reid, at the opera house on Monday, Dec. 28. "The Shoemaker" is said to hold the attention of the audience from start to finish, and mirrors human nature in all of its salient and fruitful phases.

LABOR LEADERS



SAMUEL GOMPERS

Tell Court They Did Not Consciously Violate Law

WASHINGTON, Dec. 24.—Before sentence had been pronounced on Samuel Gompers, John Mitchell, and Frank Morrison yesterday they were asked if they had anything to say.

Pres. Gompers said: "I am not conscious at any time during my life of having violated any law of the country or of the state in which I live."

"It is not possible in the circumstances under which I am before your honor this morning, and after listening to the opinion which I have rendered, to say that which I have in mind, but, sir, I may be permitted to say this: 'That freedom of speech and freedom of the press have not been granted to the people to say only the things which please, but the right to say the things that displease even though they do a wrong.'"

"The labor movement does not undertake to presume to be a higher tribunal than either the courts or the other branches of the government of our country. It is a struggle of the ages—a struggle of the men of labor to throw off some of the burdens which have been heaped upon them; to abolish some of the wrongs and to secure some of the rights too long denied."

"If men must suffer because they dare speak for the masses of the men of our country; if men must suffer because they have been raised to meet the sordid greed—even to grind the children in the dust to gain dollars—they must bear the consequences."

"But," continued Mr. Gompers, "I cannot discuss grave problems, great issues in which the people all over our country are interested—if a speech made by me during a political campaign, after the close of the case—if the speeches in furtherance of a great principle or a great right are to be held against me, I shall not only have to, but will be willing to bear the consequences."

"I would not have you believe me a man of a defiant character in disposition or in conduct. But in the pursuit of honest conviction, and in the furtherance of the common interests of my fellowman, I shall not only have to, but be willing to submit to whatever your honor may impose."

Mr. Mitchell followed in a strong, resonant voice, saying: "I thoroughly and unreservedly indorse what Mr. Gompers has said. I should like his expression to be accepted as my own."

Mr. Morrison spoke last. "I indorse," he said, "what Mr. Gompers has said. I am conscious of doing no wrong or having in any way violated any law, and it is my belief that in every act I have committed I have only exercised my rights under the constitution and the laws of this land."

In commenting upon these remarks the court said they but emphasized the attitude of the defendants which he had pointed out.

Appeals to the President. Whether President Roosevelt will take any action, as he has been urged to do in telegrams received from different labor organizations throughout the country, relative to Judge Wright's decision, has not been decided, it was said at the White House yesterday.

It was explained there that the president has not read the decision and therefore cannot say if he will take any action. It was hinted, however, that some action might be taken if he is convinced that the sentence is unjust, if it is affirmed upon appeal.

The various labor organizations, in protesting to the president against the sentence, urge him to prevent the incarceration of the labor leaders. The telegrams called mine workers sent this telegram, signed by Pres. John H. Walker, vice-president, secretary treasurer and members of the executive board:

"In the name of 35,000 mine workers in Illinois, we desire to protest against the recent decision committing to penal institutions these great commoners and representatives of the American labor movement. Samuel Gompers, John Mitchell and Frank Morrison, these may be guilty of a breach of law, but a law that denies the use of a free press and full speech is a breach of the

unanimously approved by the members of the respective executive boards to the sentenced labor officials and to President Roosevelt.

Boston cigarmakers' union 97, of which craft Mr. Gompers is a member and last vice president of its international union, adopted resolutions declaring among other things:

"We indorse the actions of Samuel Gompers, John Mitchell and Frank Morrison."

A call for a public mass meeting of protest in this city will also be issued as soon as possible. The cigarmakers' union last night called upon the C. I. U. executive board to at once issue such a call.

A denial of the right of free speech, a free press, trial by jury and usurpation of the people's rights by the judiciary are the characteristics of the Boston labor officials and organizations of Judge Wright's decision. Some of the more radical members of unions made stronger comments.

Pres. Hynes of the C. I. U. in his telegram to Messrs. Gompers, Mitchell and Morrison, and to President Roosevelt, said:

"Organized labor of Boston protests against the decision rendered by Justice Daniel C. Wright today to the representatives of organized labor in the country, as being at variance with the constitutional rights of its citizens."

The action taken by Boston cigarmakers' union 97 was at an overflow meeting in Paine memorial hall. The sentence aroused a long and vigorous debate, and the resolution adopted was as follows:

"Whereas, Samuel Gompers, John Mitchell and Frank Morrison, officers of the American Federation of Labor have been sentenced to jail without trial by jury, a right guaranteed by the constitution of the United States;

"Whereas, this is an invasion of the rights of every citizen, a blow at free speech and a free press and will be used as a precedent and to destroy the power and influence of the press; therefore, be it

"Resolved, That we protest against this miscarriage of justice, this invasion of our rights under the constitution, this blow at the liberty of the citizens, and call upon the representatives of the people in congress assembled to amend the law as to prevent any judge depriving citizens of their constitutional rights through the issuing of the injunction. Be it further

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fundamental principles of our country. Such decisions only tend to create enmity and class hatred. We respectfully solicit your influence to prevent the incarceration of these men."

LABOR PROTESTS

BOSTON, Dec. 24.—Boston labor men and labor organizations last night took action regarding the sentencing of Pres. Gompers, Vice Pres. Mitchell and Pres. Morrison of the American Federation of Labor.

Pres. Philip H. Sweet of the Massachusetts state branch, A. F. of L., and Pres. John J. Hynes of the Boston central labor union both sent telegrams

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graph company is only the headliner on the program for there are three reels of moving pictures with a complete change of pictures today. Then Frank House and Miss Grace Hawthorne are both heard in illustrated songs.

Miss Hawthorne is making a big hit with her new song "Heart of My Heart," which Mr. House sings. "A Dream of the U. S. A." with a series of patriotic pictures that evokes great applause. On Christmas day the performance will start at 1 o'clock and continue until 2 o'clock. Seats are on sale until 10 o'clock.

FUNNYLAND

After being in the hands of the decorators and carpenters for ten days, Funnyland opens its doors to the public today. The interior decorations, as well as the outside have been completely altered.

The feature picture is a western romance "The Montana Schoolmarm," a clever story well told and in it there will be several cute enough thrills. For the action takes place in a locality where sensational scenes are of frequent occurrence.

"Shamblerland," is the Christmas picture and it will be a big hit for it is a picture full of pathetic and touching scenes that are just the things for the Christmas season. "The Electric Hotel" is a comedy from the best French makes and is a check full of laughs. The songs are both pleasing, especially "Your Love, Your Eyes, Your Golden Hair" which when sung a few weeks ago made a phenomenal hit.

STAR THEATRE

The first show tomorrow afternoon will start at 1 o'clock, and will be continued until 10 o'clock in the evening. The program will be entirely new, consisting of comic and dramatic moving picture subjects, illustrated songs and a talking picture, "The Mummer's Daughter."

The program on Saturday will be entirely different from the one to be presented on Christmas day. There will be new talking pictures each of these two days.

The songs "Sunbird" and "My Carolina" are the latest hits.

Ice skating, Washington park, 10c.

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SCENIC THEATRE, 61 Middlesex st., near Post office ave. Moving pictures, full orchestra, good singing. All for 5 cents.

NICE FRAMES, 25 cents. Hats trimmed and made, half price now. Fur coats and neck ruffs made very reasonable. Address Edward, Room 41, Chatham Bldg., 22 Central st.

PLUMBER and FITTER, solving a specialty. Estimates furnished free. Fred E. Whitney, 214 Market st.

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STORAGE—Several places for storage at 50c per box. Inquire 332 Middlesex st.

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DRINK GLORIA for health, sold everywhere.

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HOUSING PIGEONS for sale. Make 5 o'clock, James B. Palm, 362 Lawrence street.

COW—New milch team family cow for sale. Inquire 101 Greenwood ave., Braintree Centre.

A BAKER SHOP in a fine location, horse, also baker's team for sale. The owner is leaving the city and therefore will sacrifice at a great bargain. Address Z. L. Sun Office.

FIFTY PULLETS, R. I. Reds, for sale. Apply at 3 West Tenth st.

TWO MEN HOUSES for sale, cor. Central and Carlisle sts., East Chelsea, Ford.

SOME NICE HAND PAINTED MIRRORS for sale, priced from \$10 to \$40. At John McMenamin, 212 Merrimack street.

EVERYBODY CAN HAVE A PIANO if they get it of W. E. Trumbull, because his prices are so low on high grade instruments. 101 Westford st. Call at once.

COUNTER and DESK for sale. Inquire of John McMenamin, 212 Merrimack st.

CANARY BIRDS for sale. Inquire 147 Dutton st.

FOUR UPRIGHT PIANOS in good condition, for sale. Full size, \$100, \$120, \$140, \$160. Call early and secure first choice as all these pianos will be sold before Christmas. Call at 110 Merrimack st.

TEN TONS OF GOOD HAY for sale. Phone 1948, or call 140 Woburn st.

SECOND HAND FURNITURE of all kinds, anything you have to sell we will buy at more than any other dealer. Send postal and we will call, 687 Middlesex st.

REAL ESTATE FOR SALE

VILLAGE STORE and RESIDENCE for sale. 1/2 acre land, stock of groceries and fixtures, good horse, sleigh wagon and harness. Easy terms. \$1500. Dodge, 22 Central st.

4 TENEMENT HOUSE within 5 min. walk to post office, now renting for \$112 a year, can be bought with a very good chance for a man to make money. Gas, sewer, water. With a little expense this property can be put in perfect repair. Will sell before Dec. 25th for \$2000. Eugene G. Russell, 407 Middlesex st., near depot.

SIX ROOM COTTAGE in very good condition near the court house, for sale. Excellent place for man who works in downtown Lowell. Sewer, water, etc. Small amount down. \$1000 buys it. Eugene G. Russell, 407 Middlesex st., near depot.

EXCELLENT COTTAGE HOME of 6 rooms in Centralville for sale. Large yard, roomy, nicely located. 2 min. to car. It will pay you to look in the matter. \$1200. Eugene G. Russell, 407 Middlesex st., near depot.

2 TENEMENT HOUSE near Moore and Gorman sts. for sale. We'll admit we've advertised this house before but it isn't sold is that you haven't looked at it. Do so this week. Baths, etc. \$3600. Eugene G. Russell, 407 Middlesex st., near depot.

FOUR TENEMENT BLOCK in Navy Yard for sale; also 1 cottage on Sixth st. and cottage on Plummer st. Nice building lot on Moody st. Inquire of John McMenamin, 212 Merrimack st.

CHRISTMAS BARGAINS in REAL ESTATE—Several one, two and four family properties splendid locations, tempting values for investors and homebuyers. Open in Saturday or Monday evening. May suit you. Inquire of J. Sharkey, room 25, Chatham Bldg., 22 Central st., Tel.

GOOD PAYING PROPERTY for sale. No. 22 Walnut st. Inquire of James R. Adams, Billerica Road.

NINE ROOM HOUSE—On Beacon st. Hot and cold water, hot water, gas, and hardwood floors. Collins & Hogan, real estate and insurance, Mansur block.

SIX ROOM HOUSE and barn on upper Gorman st. Price \$2050. Good place for some business man. Collins & Hogan, real estate and insurance, Mansur block.

TWO TENEMENT house on Central st. Near Davis square. Collins & Hogan, real estate and insurance, Mansur block.

TO LET

GOOD TENEMENT to let at a low rent in Brown's block, Marshall st., Key at No. 4.

SIX ROOM TENEMENT at 25 Mead st. to let. All modern conveniences. Rent \$15 per month. Inquire 36 in rear.

ROOM TENEMENT with garden, to let. 2 minutes walk to cars, at 12 quinn ave. Inquire.

GOOD WARM TENEMENT to let at a low rent at 123 Moody street, handy to mills and business.

SMALL TENEMENT, also store, to let. Apply at North st.

7-ROOM UPSTAIRS TENEMENT to let at 220 Stevens st. Modern improvements, steam heat furnished. Apply at above address or 310 Westford street, C. H. Willis.

NICE TENEMENT on Stockpile st. to let. Also nice tenement on George st. in Navy Yard. Rent good. Inquire of John McMenamin, 212 Merrimack st., near depot.

EXCELLENT BATH with two stalls, carriage room and good storage attic for hay and grain, at 54 Grove st. to let. Will rent for \$3 a mo. Eugene G. Russell, 407 Middlesex st., near depot.

PLANTS to let. A few new 4 and 5 room flats in Elm and Linden sts. I will make the best rent good and low for the winter. Apply Joseph Flynn, 137 Gorman st.

ROOMS—Newly furnished and unfurnished, to let. Steam heat, \$1 to \$2.50 per week. Inquire 75 East Merrimack street.

6-ROOM TENEMENT in Pawtucketville, to let. Pleasant, bath, gas, hot water, sewer connection, open plumbing. Two car lines. Apply 63 Varnum ave., phone 1019-1.

TWO TENEMENT HOUSE, cor. Holden and Westford sts. opp. Tyler park, to let, containing 7 and 8 large rooms, newly finished, with all modern conveniences, pantry, bath, hot and cold water, wash trays, steam heat and hardwood floors, etc. Inquire 63 West Adams.

FURNISHED ROOMS and tenements to let. Clean heat. Prices reasonable. 27 Tyler st.

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TWO 6-ROOM TENEMENTS on Stockpile st. to let, with bath and hot and cold water. Rent \$15 and \$18 per month. Collins & Hogan, real estate and insurance, Mansur block.

NEARLY NEW APARTMENTS of 5 rooms, pantry, bath, hot water, gas, tubs, shed, open plumbing, rent reasonable. On Grand st. Apply 237 Middlesex st., Tel. 1379-2.

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The Old Christmas Pudding

BY ROBERT DONNELL

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How dear to this heart are the
scenes of my cubhood,
When fond recollection pre-
sents them to view---

The kitchen, where mother pre-
pare us the grub would,
And every loved dish that
my infancy knew;

The wide spreading table, the
chairs which stood by it,
The bell that was rung for
the dinner time call,

The seat of my father, my own
there a-nigh it,

And e'en the rude pudding
which hung on the wall---

The old Christmas pudding, the
English plum pudding,

The cloth covered pudding
which hung on the wall!

That cloth covered pudding I
hailed as a treasure,

For often, some months ere
the season of Yule,

I found it the source of an ex-
quisite pleasure

To sniff at the same on re-
turning from school.

How ardent I seized it, with
hands that were greasy

From sandwiches sneaked from
the cupboard so tall!

To bite me a crescent was not
so dead easy;

That bag of stout muslin pro-
tected it all---

The old Christmas pudding, the
English plum pudding,

The cloth covered pudding
which hung on the wall!

How sweet from the brown,
mussy bag to receive it

And hand it in hunks through
the cleft of my lips!

Not the stuffed turkey gobbler
could tempt me to leave it;

I ate till my appetite suffered
eclipse.

But now, far removed from the
loved situation,

The tear of regret will intru-
sively fall

As fancy reverts to my father's
plantation,

Because I can't tackle plum
pudding at all---

The soggy plum pudding, the
perilous pudding,

The gout giving pudding
which hangs on the wall!

Social Finale of the Present Administration

TITLE, rank and gold lace—the president and his cabinet, the supreme court, congress and the diplomatic circle—all are included in the term official Washington.

Beyond the boundaries of the city the country understands the term to include splendidly equipped women who graciously entertain and who make Washington life in the winter season the equal of any court in European capitals.

It is beyond the limit of any one article to include all the sterling women of the national capital. Only a few of the galaxy that sustain the reputation of the fine old town can be enumerated—such as come to one's mind when the mentality is at its best. As for example:

Women of the Cabinet.

Mrs. Roosevelt, wife of the president, is first lady of the land.

The title is conferred by common consent. Mrs. Roosevelt has fulfilled all the requirements of the title. This means more than the plain statement would indicate to the uninitiated. Not only must the first lady of the land be fitted for the social demands of official Washington, but she must be a woman of intellectual attainments. More than that, she must know what is taking place in the world and be able to speak guardedly and intelligently of the same. That Mrs. Roosevelt is one of the best read women, if the homely designation may be pardoned, is conceded by those competent to pass on such matters. If the administration has been buffeted by the opposition, as that of Mr. Roosevelt certainly has been, all the more important that his wife should be a woman of poise. That Mrs. Roosevelt's tact will continue through the last days of the administration no one who has not her will doubt.

Mrs. N. K. Fairbanks, wife of the vice president, long ago won her way in official Washington. When her husband was in the senate Mrs. Fairbanks proved that she was qualified to fill the sphere in which she was placed. Many of the most brilliant entertainments in Washington have occurred in her official home. As the next to the first lady of the land, Mrs. Fairbanks has acquitted herself with great dignity, and one of the pleasant social memories of the administration now drawing to a close will be the part which Mrs. Fairbanks played so well.

The women who constitute what is known as the cabinet circle have sustained themselves in their respective spheres with a gracefulness that will be missed when they have retired from the official life of the capital. Mrs. Elihu Root, wife of the secretary of state, has by reason of the many important questions considered by the state department been more conspicuous than were some who preceded her. Gifted in many respects, Mrs. Root not only sustains her official position, but

she has taken an enviable place as hostess.

Official Washington is proud of the home life of the accomplished Mrs. Cortelyou, wife of the secretary of the treasury. As her husband has advanced step by step in political life Mrs. Cortelyou accompanied him in social success. She is a favorite at the White House and has shared in all of the notable social functions of that famous old mansion in the Roosevelt administration.

There will be a flavor of antebellum

in her receptions and will be an added brilliant to the social galaxy of the capital. She has much of the spirit of her mother and of course is a favorite.

The other women of the cabinet circle are Mrs. Bonaparte, who was the attractive hostess of the navy department when her husband was at the head of that bureau; Mrs. George von L. Meyer, a favorite in New England, as she became in Washington; Mrs. Garfield, wife of the secretary of the interior, who knows her official

Everybody in Washington this winter will endeavor to see Mrs. Nicholas Longworth, who will always be known as Alice Roosevelt. Not only is she the president's daughter, but she was a White House bride. Only four girls before her had that distinction in a half century. Few women in the land who would not gladly share the honors and attention that have been lavished on Mrs. Longworth. What she wears, what she says, wherever she goes, are taken up with avidity. No matter where her home may be, she will al-

ways be associated with the White House. Whenever a notable function may occur she will be there, and if she is not she will be missed.

The prettiest of the buds of last season at the national capital was Fredrica Morgan, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Edward Morgan, who led the summer colony at Lenox. The chatter created by the report that she was engaged to the counselor of the German embassy will be recalled. It died away, for there was nothing in it. No matter. Miss Morgan continues to

be a popular young woman, and to know her is to be admitted to the very best society in Washington.

What is a winter in Washington without a noted debutante? The proud distinction falls this winter to Ethel Roosevelt. Ever since Alice Roosevelt became Mrs. Longworth, ever since Ethel Roosevelt had that party on the lawn at Sagamore Hill last summer, the social circles of the land have been on tiptoe watching for the coming out of Ethel. The wait is about over. The young lady who is

to give the last notable social color to the administration soon to cease will make the long expected bow before the chimes of the New Year tings.

Mrs. Bryce, Highborn Briton.

At the head of the brilliant line, from over the waters is Mrs. James Bryce, wife of the British ambassador, a charming, gracious woman, a highborn Briton. Popular? Rather, for one in her exalted station. Her husband is quite democratic in his ways. He goes about in the old departmental libraries and sits beside the men at the head of those old books and talks to them as he would to a crowd. He goes home and tells his wife about the people who were gracious to him. When she makes out her list of "at home" the people who were attentive to Mr. Bryce are remembered, and when they go to the embassy they receive as much attention from Mrs. Bryce as they would if they were members of the nobility. Mrs. Bryce is almost thirty years the junior of her husband, but she is never happier than when she is telling how she fell in love with him from reading his speeches. If the Bryces should suddenly conclude to quit Washington, their departure would detract much from the pleasures of the capital.

But the galaxy of attractive women in Washington this winter has no limit. In the list of noted hostesses are Miss De Laguerance, wife of the Swedish minister; then come Mrs. Senator Beveridge, Mrs. Perry Belmont and Mrs. John R. McLean, whose famous dinner to forty women a year ago was the talk of the town. The Ellises are at the capital, splendid mother and charming daughter of whom we have heard so much. She is not going to Italy this year. There also in Washington is the beautiful Miss Mathilde Townsend and her lovely home, which is a dream. Old Washington recalls Powell Clayton, who was minister to Mexico. His daughter married Baron Monheim, the Belgian minister. She is in the circle this winter as beautiful as when she became a bride. The popular, as popular as ever, Mrs. William S. Cowley, the president's sister, whose husband is connected with the navy department, remains to grace the festive days of the year set, she who was Miss Morgan of New York, daughter of J. F. Morgan, also Miss Williams, another debutante, the sister of Mrs. Joseph Taylor, and Miss Anna, granddaughter of Phil Arnsper, count of Arnsper, sold to be the fortune of Theodore Tilton. The Misses Bacon, whose father is assistant secretary of war, are among the brilliant of the season, and of course Miss Cannon, daughter of the speaker of the house, who is the favorite American girl in diplomatic circles, and others and others, ad infinitum. FRANK H. BROOKS.



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MISS FREDRICA MORGAN

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SOUTHERN DIV.				WESTERN DIV.			
To Boston.	From Boston.	To Boston.	From Boston.	To Boston.	From Boston.	To Boston.	From Boston.
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